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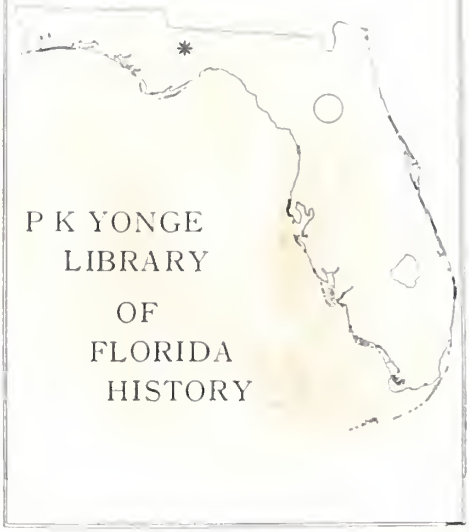

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The Bishop Calls—

Dear Readers of the Florida Methodist:

The 120th Session of the Florida Annual Conference is history! And in many respects the year 1961-62 constitutes a glorious chapter in Florida Methodism. I'm sure the editor will include statistics from the conference reports which will indicate numerically the extent of our progress in tasks undertaken for the glory of Christ. There were certain disappointments. We received fewer people into our Methodist Churches in Florida this past year than we did during the year before. The number of new churches organized was less than the number of new churches reported in our last Journal. However, on many fronts there were significant increases. For every evidence that Methodism is being used for the glory of God and for the building of His Kingdom, we give humble thanks.

During the month before Annual Conference I had the privilege of visiting in every district to meet with Pastoral Relations Committees and with pastors relative to the ministerial appointments for the year 1962-63. During the same period I received scores of letters from committees, church members and ministers. All these brought new and deeper insights as to the ministerial needs of the local churches. It was my intention to answer each of these letters personally. This I would like to have done, but neither my time nor the time of my faithful secretary is going to be sufficient for this. Consequently, I wish to thank every one who wrote. I assure you that every letter was carefully read and that the Cabinet was not unmindful of any of these communications. You will understand, of course, that the Cabinet could not abide by the requests of every letter, for oftentimes opposing opinions were expressed from members of the same congregation. However, these letters were exceedingly valuable to the Cabinet, and I deeply appreciate them all.

This letter is being written on "Moving Day." This day 140 Methodist preachers are on some Florida highway enroute to their new charges. The congregations of 140 churches are welcoming their new pastors. For all the 566 congregations of Florida Methodism, this is the beginning of a new year. Let us pray that it may be a year when our dedication to Christ is more genuine, our understanding of His will more complete, and our achievements in His name more recognizable than ever before.

This word of admonition. Let us not mark off the months of summer. July, August and September provide weeks of opportunity. We must not wait until fall to begin our work with seriousness. The church which is indifferent to the opportunities of the summer season requires the fall months to recover its losses and condition its program for the remainder of the year. We cannot afford to lose three months! Every week must count for the glory of Christ.

Two things are important just now — Advance Specials for our work in Cuba and Advance Specials for our work with Cuban refugees in Miami. Every local congregation in Florida is urged to adopt an Advance Specials program in these two areas. My brethren, we must not neglect our opportunities and our privileges with regard to Christ's work. In setting up your missionary program for the new year, don't forget our Cuban people! Please!

And may God bless you all.

Sincerely,
JAMES W. HENLEY

Conference Membership Nears 260,000

The number of Methodists in the Florida Conrence climbed to 258,323 during the 1961-62 Conrence Year, adding 10,464 persons who never be-e had a church affiliation.

Membership gains in all categories—profession faith, other denominations, and tranfer—were ghtly below a year ago when this conference de a net gain of 13,325 members compared to the st year's gain of 11,820.

Church school enrollment climbed from 169,245 173,107 during the year, and average daily at-ndance at Florida Conference church schools in-ased from 89,622 to 92,115.

Seven new churches were formed during the 61-62 Conference Year. They were Riverview, Or-nd Beach; Southwest, Winter Haven; Oakcrest, cksonville; Christ, LeHigh Acres; Epworth, Or-ido; St. Paul, Tampa; and Epworth, West Holly-od.

One of the biggest gains made in the Florida nference was in the number of known tithers—e of the major objectives of the Board of Lay Ac-ities during the year. The number increased from 70 to 11,261.

Ministers on "minimum salary" will receive a 00 raise this year, plus $200 more for last year as ll. Married ministers on trial will receive $4,000, d single ministers will receive $3,700. Approved ll-time supply ministers will receive $3,700 if arried and $3,400 if single. The raise was made troactive when it was determined that there was ough money alloted for minimum salary pay-ents to permit such a move.

Mrs. David Thurman, Miami, president of the oman's Society of Christian Service, reported that e women gained 1,953 members this year for a al of 47,076. The Florida Conference women gave 59,196 to the Woman's Division of Christian Ser-e for all purposes.

Six ministers were certified for retirement dur-g Annual Conference. Their names and last arges are: The Rev. Perry B. James, Oneco; the v. Edward J. Rees, Grace Church, St. Augustine; e Rev. William M. Irwin, associate First Church, keland; the Rev. Wilfred A. Burch, Oakland Park; e Rev. Horace L. Boyd, Lake Butler; and the Rev. B. Miller, Knights.

Former Bishop Arthur Wesley of Argentina, now ing in Lakeland, can take credit for one of the st quips of the conference. Speaking of his work Argentina, he asked Bishop Henley if he knew at happened when an irresistible force meets an movable object. When Bishop Henley responded at he didn't know, Bishop Wesley replied: lcers."

The two churches selected as "Church of the ar" by the Town and Country Commission were Bary (church with more than 250 members) un-r the leadership of the Rev. Damon Scott and rrabelle (less than 250 members) under the lead-hip of the Rev. Louis E. Patmore.

H. MELTON WARE — THIS IS YOUR LIFE. Or so ministers of the Tampa District would have it, as they present a skit during Annual Conference prior to honoring their district superintendent for his services to the district.

Photos by the Rev. R. J. Gisler

Our Two Great Needs

(Editor's Note: Several excerpts from Bishop Henley's Episcopal Message to the Florida Annual Conference were published in the last issue of the Florida Methodist. We withheld until this issue, however, his comments on two vital issues facing the conference — church extension and support of Christian higher education — so that his statements could be treated more fully. These two important causes will be the major beneficiaries of a $3 million to $4 million capital improvement fund drive which is being planned for presentation at next year's Annual Conference.)

Church Extension

During the past two decades the population of Florida has increased by 144 per cent. Methodist growth lagged behind the state's population growth alarmingly. During the past four years (excluding the statistics for the year just ending) the population of Florida increased by 23 per cent, but Methodist Church membership increased by 26 per cent. That is, during the past four years (and we trust during the year now ending) we have overtaken the state's population growth after 15 years during which we failed to keep up. In order for the increase in Methodist church membership to keep pace with the anticipated population increase between 1963 and 1970 we must have a net membership increase of 14,570 each year. This is the equivalent of approximately 73 additional churches per year with memberships of 200.

This by no means indicates that we need 73 new congregations per year. Many of our existing churches can minister to larger numbers. But we must be awake to the fact that we must have 18 to 25 new congregations every year if we will accommodate the people we should receive. This means that churches already established must encourage and assist in the location of new sites and the organization of new churches. Time is of the essence. There is no place for selfishness anywhere along the line. We are engaged in a crusade for Christ.

And let us remember that the calculations given above envision only a static relationship of Methodist Church membership to the population of the state. We must do this much to stand still . . . but we are not called to stand still. We are called to make disciples of all men. By the grace of God we will re-dedicate ourselves to the mission assigned us by the Master. When we grow faint through our reliance upon our own limited energies, we become invigorated by the ancient promise "not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, said the Lord of Hosts." Ingenuity and zeal are not enough for a challenge of such heroic proportions. We advance under the leadership, are sustained by the power, and impelled by the love of the Lord Jesus Christ, whose we are and whom we serve.

Higher Education

Florida Methodists have been dedicated to the proposition that the church can best prepare its leadership, both lay and clerical, through its own institution of higher education. Prior to the organization of the Florida Conference the Methodists of this state aided in the establishing of colleges in Georgia and sent their children there for education. In 1852 the East Florida Seminary was founded at Micanopy. In 1883 the Jacksonville District sponsored the establishment of the Southern Florida Seminary at Orlando. Out of this latter institution evolved Florida Southern College.

The Methodists of this conference are proud of this institution. However, the simple fact is that we have never really given adequate support to our conference college. At the same time the life of our local churches has been enriched by the graduates of this church school. One hundred and seventy-two active ministers now serving in the Florida Conference were graduated from Florida Southern. At the present time 43 ministerial students are receiving their pre-seminary education there. Thirty-five students are preparing for full-time Christian service in some other church-related capacity.

We are now determined to make it possible for Florida Southern to render its full measure of service to the church. This will require three things:

—The homes of Florida Methodists must send youth to the conference college. There is no magic by which the school can serve young people who are not of its student body. Florida Southern was established by the Methodists in this conference and exists primarily for their children.

—We must radically change our pattern of financial support. A Christian college is not an extravagance. It is an investment, and one of the finest investments the church can make. We are now dedicating to reach with all speed the level of one dollar per church member per year for the operational budget of the college. This is only a temporary goal, but we must reach it before going further.

—Each local church must publicize the conference college until every home is familiar with its program and every layman is proud of its achievements.

During the college year just closed 7,000 Methodist students have been enrolled in other state and private colleges within the bounds of our conference. Of these, 5,600 were in the University of Florida, Florida State University or the University of Miami. We have a definite responsibility to provide religious leadership for these young people away from home. This means an expansion of our Wesley Foundation programs — more adequate housing, more personnel, more program support.

Our Conference Board of Education will bring recommendations in this field. These are urgent needs that cannot be indefinitely postponed. Just as this conference has girded itself for great tasks and has won great victories, we must meet the challenges of the present moment with resolution and dedication in the field of higher education.

"Owing to the fact that the organ isn't working this morning . . . "

Cartoons Prepared By Former Floridian

Cartoons and drawings by the Rev. Goddard Sherman, former pastor of Melrose Park Church, Ft. Lauderdale, will be regular features of the **Florida Methodist,** starting with the one appearing above.

Humerous cartoons of this type will be alternated with a series of short poems featuring a cartoon character, "The Sunny Soul." The first "Sunny Soul" drawing will appear in the August issue.

Sherman

Mr. Sherman was a commercial artist prior to his call to the ministry. He has maintained an interest in the field, and he has had cartoons published in several national publications.

He prepared these cartoons at the request of the **Florida Methodist** several weeks ago, prior to his decision to leave the Florida Conference for health reasons. He is now pastor of First Methodist Church in Crawfordville, Ind.

Family Life Conference Planned Labor Day Weekend at Youth Camp

A three-day Family Life Conference to discuss the Christian's roll in various aspects of family life will be held Labor Day weekend at the Methodist Youth Camp, Leesburg.

Platform speaker for the conference will be Dr. Claude Thompson, a member of the Florida Conference on the faculty of Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

Those attending the conference will also attend three two-hour sessions on a discussion topic of their choice and participate in various forms of recreational activities.

The Rev. Milton Wyatt, executive secretary of the Board of Education and dean of the conference, said it is designed for adults, both married and single, who have an interest in the field. He said it is contemplated that it will have special appeal for parents with young children and those who have responsibilities in the area of family life in their local churches.

The conference will begin Saturday afternoon, Sept. 1, and will close Monday morning. Cost of the conference is $10.

"The Family and Christian Social Concerns" is the topic of a discussion group led by the Rev. George A. Foster, Miami District superintendent. It will deal primarily with three topics: Communism, public school integration, and the alcohol problem.

"The Contribution of the Church to Interpersonal Relations" is the topic for a discussion group led by Dr. Edwin R. Hartz, professor in the School of Social Welfare at Florida State University. This group will deal with matters pertaining to stability of the home and how members of a family get along with one another.

"The Church's Ministry to Families," led by the Rev. William T. Blair, pastor of Mt. Dora Church, is a workshop on how the local church can provide an adequate family life program.

The conference will be similar to two former Labor Day weekend conferences held at Florida Southern College. Its location was transferred to the youth camp because Florida Southern is beginning its fall classes earlier this year.

The Rev. Louie B. Blackwell, pastor of the Ormond Beach Church, is chairman of the Family Life Committee. The Rev. Ralph Rivers, pastor of Concord Park Church, Orlando, is serving as registrar.

Time To Get Busy On Advance Specials

By C. M. COTTON

(Conference Missionary Secy.)

Remember the beat up old story about the man who ran as fast as he could but missed the bus? And a little boy (bless his heart) standing by, said: "Mister, you didn't run fast enough, did-ya?" And the man replied between gasps for breath: "No, sonny, I didn't start soon enough."

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Florida Methodists, with special reference to us preachers. Let every one of us see to it that our local church "gets STARTED soon enough" — now, that is, on reaching a great goal for Advance Specials for this new year 1962 - 63. This goal is $1,750,000. This means $438,818 more than last year. And, boys, you don't "slip up on" that kind of money "sittin' down."

Cotton

I challenge every pastor and his church to join me and First Church, Lakeland, in remitting to the Conference Treasurer some money for each of our "Four Lanes" (World, National, MCOR and Conference.) There isn't a pastor or church in Florida Methodism that can't get started and then keep running on all four lanes until next June — and we'll come up with our goal in the bag.

Crosscurrents

(A Forum of Methodist Opinion)

Can The Church Turn The Corner?

By ROGER E. BIDDLE, Executive Secretary
Kansas Conference Board of Education

Football teams are not the only ones who must turn the corner to score. The church must do the same thing, and responsible people have some real concerns about the ability of the church to turn the corner. This concern became vivid to me when I stepped into a Protestant church in Chicago on a Sunday morning to find a service of worship being conducted without one person in the pew.

The findings of a recent Gallup Poll revealed that, "Fifty-four per cent of the youth expressed dissatisfaction with religion. The most frequent complaints were that the church fails to explain itself and its precepts, that it fails to stress its true meaning fervently enough and that it is not reaching the people."

What Do Young People Think of Church?

The church has not communicated to young people that it is the "body of Christ." Recent studies reveal that some youth think of the church as a building on the corner. Others feel that it is a meeting scheduled for 11 o'clock on Sunday morning. Some describe the church as an island of goodness surrounded by a wall that keeps out all the bad people. In some instances youth accuse "religious" people of making a world of the church instead of being the church in the world. They say our music and liturgy are moving but do not answer questions.

A threadbare vocabulary cannot communicate the gospel in our time. Certainly cherubims aren't particularly impressive to a generation that has become used to astronauts. Paradise is real, but the coming generation will not expect to spot it through the porthole of a space ship. Knowledge discovered in this century cannot be poured into old wineskins.

Writer Offers Some Suggestions

If the church is to turn the corner, it must give serious study to the area of communication. Words are only symbols and frequently are not "heard" until they communicate at the feeling level. People hear an emotion before they hear an idea.

If the church is going to be more than a rumor of help, here are a few suggestions that may be useful:

—Sacrifice certainty about patterns of thought and begin to listen to the real questions people are asking.
—Be the catalyst in our culture effecting those social changes that make the Kingdom of God a real possibility.
—Be willing to admit that a surface treatment of a problem is more of a poultice than a cure.
—Be as concerned about how people make decisions as about how many Bible facts they learn.
—Perceive that the other side of sin is human need.
—Recognize that learning means changes.
—Involve laymen at the deeper levels of thought and purpose.
—Be prepared to see a new heaven and a new earth and be reconciled to a God whose purposes are quite beyond our petty desires.

And Now, What Do You Think About It?

"Crosscurrents" invites your comment on the opinions expressed above and on any other topic of interest and concern to Florida Methodists. Letters should be 300 words or less, and the Florida Methodist reserves the right to reject any letter or shorten it to meet space requirements. Letters must bear the writer's name and address, but the name will be withheld from publication upon request.—Editor.

Editorial: Prayer Decision May Affect Us

The **Florida Methodist** has not had a policy of writing editorials, but it seems inconceivable that this issue could go to press without some reference to the historic U. S. Supreme Court's decision voiding a 22-word prayer in the New York public schools.

It seems likely that the court's ruling may eventually affect our own state law, just recently upheld by the Florida Supreme Court. The law **prescribes** daily Bible reading, followed by a recitation of the Lord's Prayer. One of the clearest implications of the U. S. court's ruling is that states will no longer be able to specify, by law, the form of worship practiced in public schools. It does not mean that such worship cannot take place—only that it must be both voluntary and spontaneous.

To advocates of a personal religion, such a decision cannot be all black. A daily ritual of words often led without inspiration and mumbled without understanding is not religion at its best. Some Florida schools have already introduced the practice of silent prayer—an approach which would seem to fall free of the court's domain.

There is one concern here, however. Silence—while truly nonsectarian—adds nothing to the spiritual resources of the faithless children participating. Whatever religion the school children have in such circumstances, they must bring with them. This places added responsibility on both the home and the church—where many feel it belongs in the first place.

The biggest danger connected with the supreme court's decision is that some will interpret it to mean NO religious observance can be held in the school. There is a difference between no prescribed religious observance and no observance at all. The Constitution still guarantees freedom of religion, not freedom from religion. Thus far, in its decision, the court appears to be aware of this distinction.

(Note: This editorial is simply an expression of views held by the editor and does not imply endorsement or approval of the Florida Conference.)

Conference Advances in Stewardship

One of the Florida Conference's leading achievements during the 1961-62 year was in the field of stewardship.

Total giving to all causes was $17,450,519, according to a summary prepared by the Rev. M. E. Myer, conference statistician.

Florida Methodists gave $1.3 more to the church than they did the previous year. This annual increase was nearly 10 times the amount ($137,477) which giving increased during the previous year.

The amount spent for building and improvements declined slightly to $2,714,985, but it remained the largest single expense of the churches. The amount going into salaries for pastors and their associates rivaled the building figure with $2,368,775.

The conference's World Service asking was $663,300, over a $20,000 increase from the previous year. Florida Methodists surpassed this asking with $682,000 — nearly $20,000 over the increased goal.

Advance Mission Specials for the year amounted to $1,285,752, an increase of $48,000 in general specials and $43,000 in conference specials.

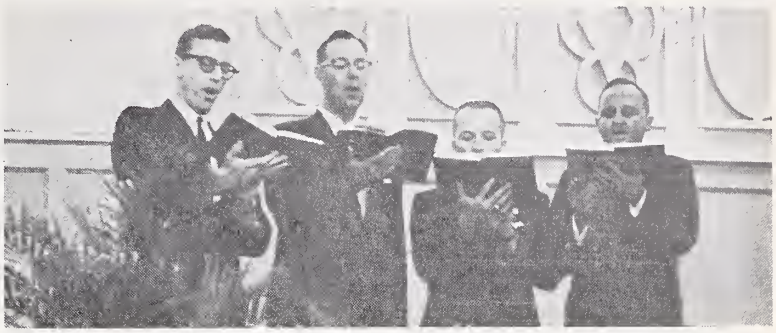
Other categories showing gains from the previous year were Ten-in-One, $102,860 and Fellowship of Suffering and Service, $30,375.

Educational specials rose from $46,277 to $77,380 during the year, and total conference support of Florida Southern College was increased from $129,777 to $169,230. This was considerably below the $246,476 goal for the year, set in 1957, and President Charles T. Thrift said $775,000 annually is the realistic need of the college.

One of the few major categories of giving to be less than the previous year was the Methodist Children's Home at Enterprise. It received $163,680 from the conference during 1961-62 as compared with $171,319 the previous year.

HARTSFIELD TO HEAD MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The Rev. Paul Hartsfield, pastor of Hendricks Memorial, Jacksonville, has been elected president of the Jacksonville Ministerial Alliance. He will succeed the Rev. Harold D. Schmitt, pastor of the Calvary Temple Assembly of God, Jacksonville.



Quartet at Annual Conference was composed of the Rev. M. M. Meredith, First Church, Lake City; the Rev. Whitney J. Dough, Wauchula; the Rev. Albert J. Rowell, Port Orange; ond Frank Foland, alumni director at Florida Southern College.

Bishop Henley holds up a citation honoring the Rev. Joseph Francis Bell, 94, Miami, on his 75th year in the Florida Conference. Mr. Bell, who attends Bryan Memorial in Miami, was unable to make the trip to Lakeland. Receiving the plaque are his son, Dr. F. Emory Bell of Lakeland, and his wife.

Mrs. W. A. Fischer is recognized by Bishop Henley for her attendance of 50 consecutive sessions of the Florida Conference. She was escorted to the rostrum by the Rev. John A. Briley, Kissimmee.

Photos by the Rev. R. J. Gisler

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Mrs. Cathcart Serves As Spokesman For 'Listeners' at WSCS Assembly

Mrs. David J. Cathcart, Cocoa, was spokesman for "The Listeners" during the Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Atlantic City, N. J.

The function of the group was to listen to what happened on the platform during the assembly and to what those attending the assembly had to say about it. Individuals were invited to submit questions which were answered and commented upon in the daily bulletin. Mrs. Cathcart reported verbally at the Wednesday and Thursday morning sessions. On Friday a panel summarized the reactions of the group.

Cathcart

Carey

Miss Jeannette Carey, a registered nurse and US-2 at Brewster Hospital, was another of the 56 "listeners." They included representatives of Woman's Societies and Guilds, a national MYF officer, a student, a crusade scholar, missionaries, deaconesses, a home missions worker, two ministers, a layman, and certain women chosen because of their occupations and interests.

Mrs. Cathcart, who is immediate past president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society, said the committee planning the assembly believed that the listeners might be ears for the thousands gathered at the meeting — to find out what was being heard and said about the world in which we live, the church at work in the world, the growth of Christian unity among us, and the meaning of all this for each of us as we work in Christ's name.

Miss Carey was named Methodist Student Nurse of 1961. She said she chose Brewster Hospital for two years' service because she wishes to "stress the love of Christ that reaches out with concern and interest to all, regardless of the differences that tend to divide us."

VOLUNTEERS AS SPEAKER

Miss Jeanette Carey, a nurse-missionary at Brewster Hospital, Jacksonville, has volunteered to speak to church groups in the conference.

"I would be grateful for the opportunity to visit churches and groups in the conference to help interpret the vast scope of the work being carried on by the Woman's Division of Christian Service," she said.

"I would be especially happy to have a chance to talk to young people to tell them about the short-term missionary opportunities offered by the Methodist Church. I am very anxious to tell others about this type of service and experience, which has been so very meaningful and wonderful for me."

FLORIDA GIRL PREPARES FOR MISSIONARY POST

Miss Judy Beatty of First Church, Frostproof, is in Greencastle, N. Y., where she is preparing for a three-year assignment as a missionary teacher in Japan.

3 Miami Societies Win Scholarships

Three Woman's Societies of the Miami District were awarded scholarships to the School of Missions and Christian Service on the basis of their attendance at five district meetings held during the year.

Spanish American Church won the award for a society with less than 75 members. Lakeview Church won the 75-200 member category, and Trinity Church topped those with over 200 members in their societies. The presentation was made by Mrs. L. V. Hedgecoth, Jr., district secretary of missionary education and service.

The five meetings were the leadership training school in May, educational seminar in September, supply work Christmas party in November; day apart in December, and annual meeting in March.

Mrs. H. D. Freeman, past president of the Miami District, was presented an honorary membership given jointly by the Miami District and her local society, Trinity.

Mrs. Jack Graham, outgoing district vice president, explained in presenting the special membership that it signified an extra gift of $100 sent from the district to the mission field as well as an honor for Mrs. Freeman.

More for One Meal Than for Missions

Giving to missions must improve, the Rev. Allen B. Rice, Philadelphia, executive secretary for Home Missions Division, insisted. In 1960 the General Conference set an ambitious World Service goal of $15 million and it will probably be 1964 before Methodism is paying this full amount, he said.

"This is $1.50 a year per member," he observed. "We pay that much for the meat at one meal."

School Of Missions Faculty

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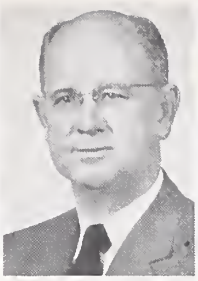
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Women To Hold School of Missions

Women of the Florida Conference will hold two important annual schools during July. The 0th Annual Weekend of Missions and Christian Service of the Wesleyan Service Guild will be t Florida Southern College, July 20-22, immediately followed by the week-long 17th Annual School f Missions and Christian Service of the Woman's Society, July 23-27.

All Methodist women in Florida re invited to attend the schools. he Guild weekend provides a rief presentation of this year's our authorized studies, which are overed more extensively during e week-long school.

The four authorized studies are Prayer," "The Christian Mission n the Rim of East Asia," "Today's Children for Tomorrow's Vorld," and "The Church's Mison and Persons of Special Need."

Mrs. Allen Watson, Wildwood, is eneral chairman of the school nd Mrs. Ben Stalvey, South Miami, is serving as dean.

Some of the features of this ear's Woman's Society school inlude a Bible hour, Tuesday hrough Friday; a class for senior igh girls; clinics for officers and ecretaries of lines of work; and eadership development sessions Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday venings.

The Guild weekend school beins with dinner on Friday at he college. Registration will be eld Friday evening and Saturday horning. It will conclude with

Watson

Stalvey

lunch Sunday following a Holy Communion service conducted by Dr. Charles M. Laymon, head of the religion department at Florida Southern.

Registration will be held Monday for the Woman's Society school. The first classes will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, and admissions are not permitted after Tuesday morning. Visitors may attend the Bible hour, the clinics, and the leadership sessions.

Cost of the school is $4 for registration and insurance, plus $14 for meals and utilities for those who room and eat in the college facilities. Cost of the weekend is $3 for registration and insurance, plus the cost of meals in the college dining room.

The faculty for this year's school is:

The Christian Mission on the Rim of East Asia—Mrs. John M. Pearson (also Guild weekend.) Dr. Florence Sherriff and Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt.

The Church's Mission and Persons of Special Need—Mrs. Frank Calhoun, Miss Mary Bethea and the Rev. Dale White (also Guild weekend).

Today's Children for Tomorrow's World—Mrs. Thelma Stevens (also Guild weekend) and the Rev. George A. Foster.

Prayer—Dr. Clyde L. Manschreck, Dr. Charles M. Laymon, Dr. E. Clayton Calhoun and Miss Ethelene Sampley (also Guild weekend.)

Class for Senior High MYF Girls—Miss Polly Lassiter.

Bible Hour—Mr. Manschreck.

Mrs. J. M. Walker, Mrs. Maxie B. Lowe and Mrs. W. E. Dunwoody of Dunnellon are wearing corsages made from "Pray for Cuba" stamps. The corsages, the handiwork of Mrs. Walker, were worn by the three ladies during the Sixth Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Atlantic City, N. J.

Florida Women Attend School Held for Jurisdiction Officers

Officers of the Florida Conference Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild joined those of the 16 other conferences which comprise the Southeastern Jurisdiction in the annual School of Missions and Christian Service at Lake Junaluska, N. C., June 28 to July 5.

They attended classes in the four authorized studies for 1962-63, and participated in the clinics for offices and lines of work in preparation for the conference schools.

Principal speakers were Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, Lewisburg, Tenn., president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions, who delivered the address at the pledge service, and the Rev. Chester A. Pennington, pastor of the Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., who gave a series of inspirational talks on "The Bible and God's Mission."

Those expecting to attend from Florida were Mrs. David Thurman, president; Mrs. C. Durward Johnson, vice president; and the following secretaries: Mrs. Howard Anderson, Christian social relations; Mrs. Allen Watson, missionary education and service; Mrs. R. L. Rains, spiritual life; Mrs. Luther Ray, Wesleyan Service Guild; Mrs. H. Quillian Jones, promotion; Mrs. Maxie B. Lowe, literature and publications; Mrs. George Carlton, missionary personnel; Mrs. H. G. Roudenbush, student work; Mrs. T. Jason Kennon, youth work; also the conference chairman of Christian social relations of the Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. J. Ben Stalvey, Miami, jurisdictional secretary of student work, was a member of the school staff.

STUDENTS RAISE $650 BY 'SACRIFICIAL MEALS'

A bowl of rice and cup of soup, for which they paid $1 or more, was the main meal eaten by an earnest group of students at Union Theological Seminary in New York City for four Tuesdays in succession. Initiated by two students, the "sacrificial meals," plus additional gifts from students and faculty, brought in over $650, which they gave to the Share Our Surplus fund of Church World Service to send food to the hungry overseas.

Me And My Bible

By MRS. ED FERRELL

Aunt Molly's Jane was giving her trouble. Jane was learning stories not fit for a growing young lady.

One evening Aunt Molly was mixing greens for their supper salad. She lifted a handful of garbage from the can and stirred it in too. Jane was horrified! "Mother, you don't expect us to eat that!" she exclaimed.

"No," her mother replied. "I don't want garbage in your stomach. Neither do I want it in your mind."

Paul said: "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Philippians 4:8.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life," Proverbs tells us. "Create within me a clean heart, Oh God," the Psalmist implores.

The things that dwell within our hearts and minds are what we become. Only when our meditations are acceptable unto the Lord do our deeds follow suit.

In today's world our children as well as ourselves are exposed to filth. But we can show them how to reject it, and how to put on the armour of God that protects. The Hindu Bhgavada-Gita says: "When he has no lust, no hatred, a man walks safely among the things of lust and hatred."

2 Floridians Elected To Posts at Emory

Two ministerial students from Florida have been elected officers for the Candler School of Theology at Emory University for the coming year.

Chuck Hunter, Coral Gables, was elected president, and Ken Bell, Tampa, was elected activity chairman. They are among nine other officers elected at the school.

MINISTERS, LAYMEN—

Several Floridians To Lead Programs at Lake Junaluska

Several Florida ministers and laymen will provide leadership during conferences at Lake Junaluska this summer.

Bishop Henley will give an evening address on July 25 entitled "Our Mission to the Cuban People." The address is one of the highlights of this year's Missionary Conference.

The Rev. Allen W. Moore, St. Petersburg, Florida Conference evangelist, will conduct an evangelistic preaching service during the 1902 Candler Camp Meeting and the Conference on Evangelism, August 12-17.

Mr. Moore will also lead two sessions on a workshop on "Planning and Conducting Successful Evangelistic Preaching Missions or Revivals."

Miss Ethelene Sampley, Fort Pierce author, teacher and former director of Christian education, served as an instructor for a workshop during the School of Missions sponsored by the Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service, June 28-July 5.

The Rev. Bruce Gannaway, Orlando District superintendent, will lead a workshop on "Financing the District and the District Program" during the 1962 Ministers' Conference for District Superintendents and Pastors, July 15-20.

Theme of the ministers' conference is "Jesus Christ is Lord—Let Us Fulfill Our Ministry." It lifts up the theme of the Quadrennial Program with emphasis upon the work of the ministry.

The Rev. Milton Wyatt, executive secretary of the Board of Education, will serve on the resource staff of the workshop for directors of Christian education, August 13-17.

Several busloads of Florida laymen are expected to attend the annual Jurisdictional Layman's Conference, July 26-29.

Laymen seeking reservations and information about the Methodist Laymen's Conference, July 26-29, may contact either Dr. James W. Fowler, Jr., Program Director, Lake Junaluska Assembly, Lake Junaluska, N. C. or J. M. Smedley, Box 2095, DeLand, Fla. Wives are urged to attend as well.

R. H. Berg, Melbourne, president of the General Board of Lay Activities and Florida Conference lay leader, served as chairman of the conference's program committee.

Moore

Gannaway

Floridians on the program are: Glenn Draper, Miami, song leader; Glenn Gold, Miami, who will preside over a "This Is My Witness" testimonial session and lead a discussion group on district lay leaders; Edd W. Gentry, Jacksonville, associate leader for the discussion group on Methodist Men Clubs; and Robert T. Mann, Tampa, leader for social concerns discussion group.

Roy E. Berry, business manager of Trinity Church, Tallahassee, will be on the faculty of the Conference on Church Business Administration at Lake Junaluska, August 13-17. He is vice president of the Church Business Administration Conference.

Students To Seek Pool Desegregation

The national conference of the Methodist Student Movement, held at Evansville, Ind., during June, voted to seek desegregation of swimming facilities at the Lake Junaluska assembly grounds this summer.

About 75 student and adult leaders of the college student organization unanimously adopted a statement declaring:

"The continuing segregation of these facilities remains as a contradictory statement of the atmosphere of brotherhood throughout the Methodist assembly grounds, which is integrated at all other levels."

Lake Junaluska Assembly Announces Summer Program

The 1962 program of The Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdiction summer assembly at Lake Junaluska, N. C., will have a total of about 40 conferences, institutes, workshops and training schools.

The assembly's first training conference for church ushers was held June 15-7. Among other new features this year will be a Southeastern Jurisdiction conference for Methodist lawyers July 8-10 and a jurisdictional conference for Methodist doctors July 12-15.

Among many speakers scheduled during the summer are Sir Hugh Foot, ambassador from the United Kingdom to the UN; Brooks Hays, Washington, D. C., special assistant to the president, and several Methodist bishops. Sir Hugh Foot and Mr. Hays will speak at the lawyers conference.

The 1962 Junaluska schedule is as follows:

June:

15-17—Church Ushers Conference
19-23—Bible Conference, Teachers of Adult Classes
19-23—Older Adult Conference
23-29—Spiritual Life Conference
28-July 5—Jurisdiction WSCS School of Missions and Christian Service

July:

1- 7—Youth Activities Week
6- 8—Jurisdiction WSG Week End
7-12—Jurisdictional Youth Conference
8-10—Methodist Lawyers Conference
12-15—Methodist Doctors Conference
12-15—Family Life Conference
15-20—Ministers Conference for District Superintendents and Pastors
20-22—Training Conference for Chairmen of Commissions on Missions
20-26—Missionary Conference
20-26—Youth and Missions Conference
28-29—Jurisdictional Laymen's Conference
26-Aug. 8—Seminar for Overseas Students and Missionaries
29—Walt Holcomb Night
29-Aug. 3—Institute of Church Music
29-Aug. 10—Leadership and Laboratory School

August:

4- 5—Trustees Meeting
6-10—Hospitals and Homes Meeting
8—Coronation of Junaluska Queen
10-12—Church School Administrators Conference
12-19—Candler Camp Meeting
13-17—Church Busniess Administrators Conference
13-17—Workshop for Directors of Christian Education
13-17—Workshop for Chairmen of Local Church Commission on Evangelism
22-29—Appalachian Area Study Conference
23-30—Regional Methodist Student Movement Conference

September:

11-12—Christian Social Concerns Briefing Conference

LATEST REPORTS FROM PASTORS—

Inside Cuba: Methodism Still at Work

By Bishop James W. Henley

(Editor's Note: This article is based on excerpts from Bishop Henley's report at the recent semi-annual meeting of the Methodist Council of Bishops, held in Mexico City.)

The Methodist Church continues its work in Cuba under great hardship. However, our ministers are physically unmolested, our church buildings have not been confiscated, and the courage and heroism of our leaders humbles the heart of everyone of us whose work is carried on without restraint.

A pastor writes:

"Officially we have no difficulties in holding public worship. It was a surprise for us to receive the May-June issue of **The Upper Room.** (No copies had been received for many months.) Many churches received this issue. It seems to be a change in attitude. The radio and television are insisting that every person has a right to have a religion or not to have any. However, we have been under a heavy attack by telephone calls. One day we were called and insulted 18 times. They call almost every day and they say the most horrible things against God and the church. I have been preaching to them. Their voices are full of hatred, poor people. My secretary was a little nervous, so for a few days I have been answering the telephone."

The following report comes to us concerning our inter-denominational seminary at Matanzas:

"The Seminary is working normally. We have eight single students and nine married. All of the students have appointments in nearby churches and work as lay preachers. Two of them will graduate in June. There is an excellent spirit of cooperation among the students. God will take care of His sons."

Another pastor writes:

"Our average attendance per Sunday was going down from 252 in September, 1961, to 179 in December. A reaction started in January, 1962, and we hope to have an average of over 250 this month. This growth has not been without difficulties. The migration of members to Miami has continued, until now about 100 have gone. Some 50 are not coming to church because they prefer Marxism. In fact, we have lost 150 members. But the church is working hard and winning new people for Christ. Last month I received 15 members by baptism, two by profession of faith, and two by transfer. About 25 inactive members have come back, and we have about 50 new people attending faithfully who will join the church in the near future."

Here is a plea for understanding:

"We need the understanding of our brethren abroad. If we are here it is because we are loyal to Christ and His Church, not because we are cooperating with the present regime. We want to make this very clear. We understand that our place is in Cuba. We don't care about the difficulties. We are not the first Christians to have trouble in the history of our Church. The Lord comfort us."

Our Methodist ministry in Cuba is composed of 13 in full connection, eight approved supplies and 60 local preachers. Two of the men in full connection are retired. One is sick and unable to carry on his work . . .

Despite all the difficulties, a thrilling chapter is being written by our Cuban Methodists. Surely we should be deeply touched by their needs. We should be moved to contrition by their heroism, and certainly we cannot desert them in their extremity.

IN CUBA—

Story of 2 Girls Tells Tragedy of Communism

Two years ago two seven-year-old girls sat side-by-side in a Methodist Sunday school in Cuba.

Despite the rise of communism on the island, that Sunday school lives on — but not for these two girls. The dramatic changes which have been brought to their young lives reveal much of the tragedy that occurs when a nation goes communistic.

One of the girls is in another Methodist Sunday school—this time in Detroit. She is in a strange land, but the ideals of her early childhood remain much the same. She is a member of a refugee family who recently told their story to the **Florida Methodist** shortly after their arrival in this country.

The other girl is leading a "normal" life in her native town. She goes to public school on weekdays and on Saturday she watches the children's programs on television. In this way she is exposed to a steady stream of communist prapaganda, and Sunday school doesn't mean much to her any more.

At school, she was told: "Close your eyes and pray to God for ice cream." After the children prayed, there was no ice cream forthcoming.

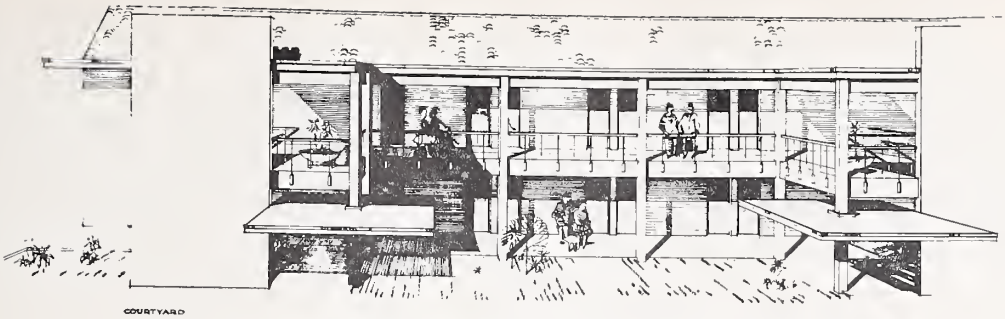
Next they were told: "Close your eyes and pray to Castro for ice cream." When they opened their eyes, a table covered with ice cream lay before them.

"Now," purred the government official, "who do you believe in, Castro or God?"

Such tactics have had their effect on many young minds, the refugees said. Fortunately, they felt, they were able to keep their daughter out of school and away from a radio or television set.

Rationing! Shortages! Arrests! Terror! Military might and multiplying misery! All of these were part of the refugees' story.

They spoke of the church, too. It continues to exist, despite persecution and opposition. Amid disappointments there are great victories, but it is not "peaceful co-existence" with communism. For two small girls, now nine, the old Sunday school will never be the same.



PROPOSED CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT
. . . At Oak Grove Church, Tampa

Construction Planned on Oak Grove Children's Building

Construction is planned to get under way in October on a two-story children's department at Oak Grove Church, Tampa. The $75,000 unit will be constructed behind the church's sanctuary.

Plans for the new building drawn by McLane and Renon, architects, include 20 new classroom areas providing space for nursery through juniors. It will also include enlarged church offices.

A campaign to finance the construction during January raised $52,000 in pledges. It was under the direction of the Rev. Laurie Ray, who was then pastor of Hyde Park Church, Tampa.

MINISTER SHORTAGE—
Methodism's Rate of Growth Trails Other Denominations

Methodism's growth rate is falling behind in the South—as it is elsewhere in the nation—when compared to other denominations, according to an Emory University professor.

Dr. Earl Brewer, professor of sociology and religion at the Candler School of Theology, revealed these statistics to members of Emory's Committee of One Hundred recently:

From 1926 to 1952 in the South, Baptists increased four times as fast as Methodists. The Church of God membership showed a growth rate 25 times that of the Methodists and the Pentecostals, 40 times as fast.

During the same period the Presbyterian and Episcopal growth rates doubled, Roman Catholics' tripled, and the Lutherans' quadrupled.

One in three church members in the nation were Methodists in 1850, Mr. Brewer continued. In 1950 it was only one in 10 and in 1962 it is one in 12.

D. W. Brooks, chairman of the Committee of One Hundred, said one of the reasons for the relative decline of The Methodist Church is that not enough ministers are being trained.

Presbyterians have one seminary student for every 1,100 church members and the Baptists have one for every 1,500. Both groups spend the average of $1 per member for minister education.

Methodists have only one student for every 3,400 members and spend slightly more than 30 cents per member for ministerial education.

The Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church alone needs 897 new ministers this year to replace men who have died or retired, to man new churches and to furnish associate pastors for large city churches.

All Benevolence Funds Make Gains

Methodists contributed nearly $29 million to the church's general benevolence and administrative funds during the 1961-62 fiscal year, according to the Rev. Don A. Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance.

Slightly more than half of these receipts, $14.8 million, was received for the church's largest and most basic benevolence fund, World Service. This fund showed a 3.61 per cent gain from a year ago but fell slightly short of its $15 million goal.

The Rev. Shuler Peele and his wife (center) receive a matched set of luggage from ministers of the Tallahassee District to help "send them on their way" to their next appointment at Arlington Church, Jacksonville. Mr. Peele's humorous remarks kept the audience in stitches.

Photo by the Rev. R. J. Gisler

DURING ANNUAL CONFERENCE—

Conference Laymen Endorse 10-Point Program

The Conference Board of Lay Activities endorsed at its annual meeting a 10-point program designed to make a more effective men's program throughout Florida. One of the recommendations by Lay Leader R. H. Berg, Melbourne, would give the Florida Conference more chartered Methodist Men's Clubs than any other conference in Methodism.

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Mr. Berg set a goal of 400 Methodist Men's Clubs by June 1, 1963. This year 19 new clubs were chartered to bring the total in the conference to 375, he said.

"If we had 13 more clubs we would be in first place among the 100 conferences of Methodism," Mr. Berg said.

Other goals were:

—A workshop for Methodist Men's Club presidents, secretaries of stewardship, and charge lay leaders in every district.

—A retreat in every district.

—Districts organized into zones, with associate lay leaders responsible for the lay program in each zone.

—A one-day retreat for all district and associate district lay leaders of the conference.

Berg

—Attendance of 2,000 at the three Leesburg Laymen's Conferences this fall.

—More emphasis at the local level for the Methodist Youth Camp land purchased with each club being asked to contribute $25 or more.

—A committee in each district to promote the Methodist Men Radio Hour.

—Creation of a Committee on Wills and Legacies in every district.

—A representative in each district to publicize the activities through **The Methodist Layman** and the **Florida Methodist.**

In his Layman's Night address at Annual Conference, William B. McPherson, director of lay speaking for the General Board of Lay Activities, asserted that laymen have been at the heart of every major religious advancement in history.

He urged laymen to reflect their faith in their daily lives and their vocation, to join in teamwork with the ministry, and to from time to time "retreat into the world of meditations, into the world of the Spirit, into communion with God."

Bishop Henley told 150 men attending the Lay Leaders' Workshop following Annual Conference that Florida laymen deserve praise for their work in the field of stewardship.

He noted that Jesus' admonition for us "to lay up for yourself treasures in Heaven" was one of the most difficult things in the world for us to follow.

Deaths

The Rev. Albert A. Hagler

The Rev. Albert A. Hagler, 83, died recently in Hialeah, where he had been living in retirement. Funeral services were held June 1 in Palm Springs Church there. Mr. Hagler transferred to the Florida Conference from the Southern Illinois Conference in 1945. He served First Church, Hialeah, for three years and Holleman Park Church, Miami, for one year before retirement. He was an active member of the Palm Springs Church as long as health permitted. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Adah Mae Hagler, and two sons, Francis Hagler, and the Rev. Albert Dale Hagler, pastor of First Church, West Palm Beach. He is also survived by five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

CALENDAR

July 17-18—Commission on World Service and Finance at Florida Southern College to open bids on Branscomb Memorial Building.

July 22—World Service Sunday in Church School.

July 20-22—Weekend of Missions, Wesleyan Service Guild, Florida Southern College.

July 23-27—School of Missions and Christian Service, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Florida Southern College.

July 24—Executive committee of Board of Missions meets at Lake Junaluska with district and local representatives attending Missionary Conference.

July 26-29 — Southeastern Jurisdictional Laymen's Conference at Lake Jnualuska.

July 29 — Florida Methodist Children's Home Sunday.

July 28-August 4 — Officers' Assembly (MYF) at Leesburg Youth Camp.

August 4-25—Senior MYF Assemblies at Leesburg Youth Camp.

Mrs. Perkins Elected President of Center

Mrs. Ralph Perkins, immediate past president of the Jacksonville District Woman's Society of Christian Service, has been elected president of the board of directors of the Jacksonville Methodist Community Center. Mrs. Perkins succeeds Mrs. William Maness.

Perkins

Reelected to serve as officers were: Junius Bowman, vice president; William Rodeheaver, treasurer; and Mrs. W. Hugh Mathews, secretary. The Rev. Johnson Pace of the Holy Cross Episcopal Church, Jacksonville, was named chairman of the nominating committee. Mrs. Ralph Mason Dreger was elected a new member to the board.

The center completed its first year of operation this month. During the past year it has served 165 children in the Negro community with an average attendance of 90 children per day attending specific classes during the day.

BISHOP UNABLE TO GO TO CUBA FOR CONFERENCE

Bishop Henley was unable to attend the Cuba Annual Conference or to send Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri of Argentina in his place. The bishop said at Florida Annual Conference that he hoped to do one or the other. Later he wrote:

"Our Methodist friends in Cuba held their Annual Conference June 14-16. No bishop could be on hand, but they were given permission to elect their president for the sessions of the Annual Conference from among their ministerial membership. I deeply regret that I was unable to be on hand. The U. S. government has stamped its permission on my passport for a trip to Cuba. My application has gone to the Cuban sion to come. However, no word has come yet and I am still government requesting permiswaiting."

Several Participate In Florida-Bahama Exchange Program

Several Floridians will go to the Bahamas as participants in the exchange program of the World Methodist Council this summer, the Rev. Ralph B. Huston, chairman of the program, has announced.

Methodist Youth Fellowship members from Park Temple, Ft. Lauderdale, under Mrs. Martha Renfroe, will go to a mission work camp at Freeport, Grand Bahama. The Rev. Gene Zimmerman, Green Cove Springs, and his family will be on the Abaco Circuit, serving Hopetown, Dundastown, Marsh Harbor and Cherokee Sound. The Rev. Donald Mizelle will also circuit ride on the island of Andros.

Miss Susan Holmberg of First Church, South Miami, will work with Deaconess Eileen Hale conducting youth weeks, vacation Bible schools and music programs both in Nassau and in the outlying islands.

In return, fraternal delegates of the Bahama youth are being invited to the Methodist Youth Camp at Leesburg this summer, and fraternal delegates from the Bahama District are being invited to the Florida Pastors School in October.

"The proximity of our British brethren to our Florida shores make this the most natural place on earth for a ministry of service and experience to each other," Mr. Huston said.

COMMUNISTS USE BIBLE TO LEARN LANGUAGE

China's communists are turning to the Bible to increase their knowledge of the Tibetan language, according to a report received by the American Bible Society from Bishop Chandu Ray first Pakistan bishop of the Angelican Church. The communists have bought large quantities of a new Tibetan language Bible. Bishop Ray says, in order to learn the language of the country they have conquered.

POMPANO EDUCATION DIRECTOR RETIRES

Mrs. T. N. Alexander, of First Church, Pompano Beach, has retired as director of Christian Education. Mrs. Alexander plans to continue her work with the Board of Education and Woman's Society courses after her retirement. She was honored by members of the church at a reception May 27.

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2. Put part of the balance in the budget and raise the rest as an advance special.

3. Supplement any plan now being used by approving amounts from any present or future surplus funds inthe treasury, or money from a contingency fund.

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H. W. BLACKBURN
Exec. Secretary, Church Extension
E. J. PENDERGRASS
Chmn. Board of Missions

Floridian Commands Air Force Academy

A Florida layman, Maj. Gen. Robert H. Warren of Tampa, has been appointed by President Kennedy as the new superintendent of the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs.

Since last October Gen. Warren has been commander of the Air Proving Ground Center at Eglin Air Force Base. Previously, he spent six months in Korea as a senior member of the UN Military Armistice Commission.

Gen. and Mrs. Warren and their two children — Robert, Jr., 18, and Barbara, 16, are members of the Palma Ceia Methodist Church in Tampa. Gen. Warren was formerly stationed at MacDill Air Force Base.

Student Receives $1,700 Assistantship

Thomas W. Gannaway, a Florida Southern College senior from Orlando, has been awarded a $1,700 graduate teaching assistantship in history at the University of Georgia. He will go there this fall to serve in the history department while studying for his master's degree.

Gannaway was recently in Washington, D. C., rounding out a semester of governmental studies at American University on a cooperative scholarship provided by the two schools.

His parents are the Rev. and Mrs. Bruce F. Gannaway, Orlando. Mr. Gannaway is superintendent of the Orlando District.

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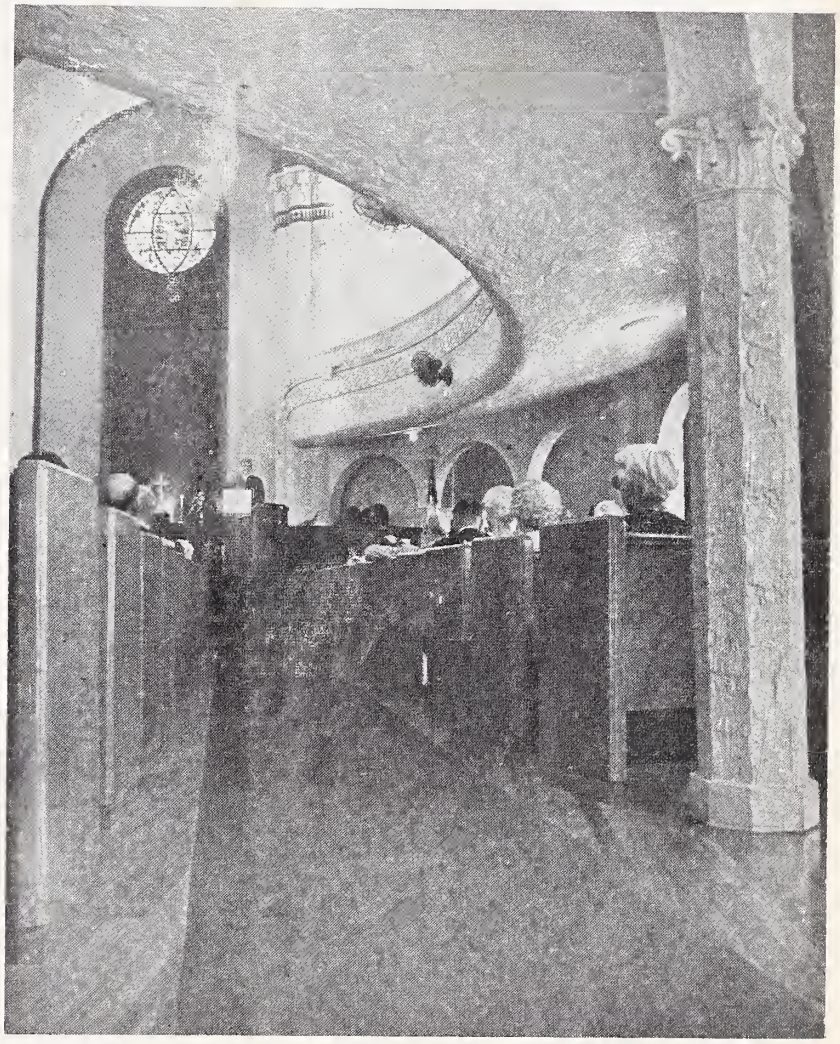

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The Bishop Calls—

Dear Readers of the Florida Methodist:

The burden of responsibility for Christian nurture and religious culture falls with ever increasing weight upon the Christian home and the local congregation. The prohibition of prayer in the public schools is on the very face of it a tragedy and a sad commentary. A sadder fact is that prayer as a part of a devotional period is omitted so extensively in families that are normally religious. Add to this the casual allegiance and the indifferent attendance of multitudes of so-called Christians upon public worship and our distress is compounded. Our culture is increasingly secular. The need for the strengthening of our Christian institutions and for the studious provision for Bible reading, Christian nurture and prayer within the home must surely be more apparent than ever before in American life. While the vast majority of our citizens are agreed, at least by testimony, that religion is indispensible; the expressions of this religious faith is increasingly restricted to the home and the church.

This being true, we extend a clarion and urgent call to every member of our faith to give such loyalty to the church as never before and to undergird her with prayer and spiritual exercises in the home. We are inconceivably foolish if we are not aware of the perils of these times. While we dedicate ourselves unconditionally to oppose the atheism of Communism, we are in danger of being engulfed by secularism (which is a total indifference to religious faith). The Old Testament refers to the tragic state of a man who, fleeing from a lion, was confronted by a bear.

Christian discipleship is serious business in these times. Jesus Christ must be Lord in a new and more significant sense than ever before. Being a Christian must make a difference. Whatever is happening in the world outside, the Christian home must be different. And the Christian church must proclaim its Gospel loud and clear.

We must be on the alert and on the offensive twelve months out of the year. All about us are hosts of people who need to understand and to experience the redemptive blessings of Christ's saving grace. Boys and girls are speedily growing into young manhood and young womanhood. Many of them are untouched by any kind of Christian instruction or spiritual nurture. The Christian minister and his Christian laymen are face to face with the sobering responsibility of being Ambassadors for Christ in these bewildering times.

You who are Sunday school teachers can do much. You are called to be an evangelist too. Many of us are eternally indebted to some devoted teacher who introduced us to the Way of Christ and to the fellowship of His love. Ministers are continually challenged to "Preach for a Decision." Should not teachers do the same thing in their area?

Does this letter sound as though I am distressed? I truly am. It will be an unspeakable tragedy if we, upon whom the Lord depends, are faithless in this generation. But we must pray and live with such dedication and fervor as though the world depended upon us, as indeed it does.

Sincerely,

JAMES W. HENLEY

IN CUBA—

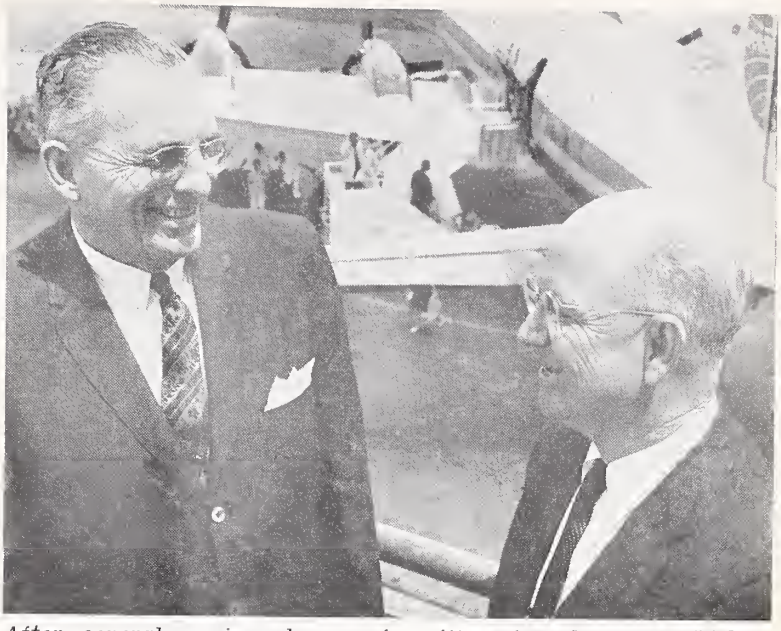
Methodist Spirit High, Bishop Finds

"I have never been more inspired by the spirit and fidelity of Methodist people," said Bishop James W. Henley, upon his return from a 10-day visitation throughout Cuba.

"Times are hard, food is rationed, but the spirit of Methodists remains high," the bishop added. "Our ministers, students, men and women lay leaders are doing a tremendous job."

He returned to Florida July 29 following his first visit to Cuba — a 1500-mile swing from Pinar del Rio in the west to Santiago de Cuba in the east.

Bishop Henley left Miami July 19 after several anxious hours of waiting in the airport for final clearance of his admission papers. He was met in Havana by the six Cuban district superintendents, each of whom had arranged all-day meetings of district leaders.



After several anxious hours of waiting for clearance, Bishop Henley (left) says goodbye to the Rev. George A. Foster, Miami district superintendent, before boarding a plane in Miami for Havana and 10 days of inspecting Methodist work in Cuba.

Gives Clothes Away

When Bishop Henley returned from his first visitation to Cuba, his suitcases were considerably lighter. Except for what he wore on the return trip, he gave his suits, shirts, underwear, pajamas, sox and ties to needy Cubans.

The bishop also preached to overflow crowds at nine evening worship services, held two cabinet meetings and ordained 10 ministers.

"So far we are still free to conduct our services throughout we have the ability to do this, Cuba," he said, "and as long as God's work will be done."

He reported that approximately 200 preaching places are maintained by Cuban Methodists, served by 25 ministers (including those on trial) and 41 lay men and women. This fall 22 Methodist ministerial students — a record high — will enroll at the Protestant seminary in Matanzas.

All Methodist and other private schools, except the seminary, have been taken over by the Castro government, but church buildings and parsonages are still in the hands of the Cuba Conference.

The Church in Cuba has 600 fewer members than two years ago. But, as Bishop Henley explained, a gain has really been recorded in view of the large number of former members who are now refugees in the United States. Methodists in Cuba number about 10,000.

Bishop Henley declined to comment on the political situation in Cuba, explaining that he hopes his first trip will pave the way for regular visits.

One revealing observation: he and one other person were the only passengers on the big plane from Miami to Havana. On the return trip, every seat was occupied.

Bishop Henley will give a fuller report on his visit in the September 1 issue of the **Florida Methodist.**

Floridian's Painting On Church Bulletin

A painting by Mrs. Sam (Mary Gatewood) Banks of Lakeland will be on the cover of the September church bulletins printed by Methodist Publishing House.

Entitled "And Five Thousand Were Fed," it illustrates the Bible story showing a child's hands extending his loaves and fish.

The painting has been on display all summer in the book store of the Lake Junaluska, N.C. Methodist Assembly, where it has attracted so much attention the Publishing House is considering making prints available.

Goals for Educational Specials

District apportionments for 1962-63 Educational Specials have been established by the Cabinet to reach a minimum goal of $90,000 in support of Florida Southern College and $30,000 for Wesley Foundations and other colleges.

Last year Conference Educational Specials totaled $77,380.

Following is a table showing a break-down of the 1962-63 apportionments and the 1961-62 contributions:

	1962-63 Apportionments		1961-62 Support
	Fla. Southern	Other	
DeLand	$ 5,040	$1,630	$ 1,565.50
Gainesville	4,860	1,620	926.89
Jacksonville	10,440	3,480	5,839.00
Lakeland	7,200	2,400	22,349.42
Miami	13,500	4,500	6,385.89
Orlando	8,820	2,940	12,765.73
St. Petersburg	10,800	3,600	6,288.08
Sarasota	7,200	2,400	5,802.90
Tallahassee	4,230	1,410	3,298.83
Tampa	7,650	2,550	4,009.05
West Palm Beach	10,260	3,420	8,148.89

AT LEESBURG—

Rustic Camps Prove A Rewarding Experience

Small groups of Florida youth are undergoing a new and rewarding experience at the Methodist Youth Camp, Leesburg, this summer.

A rustic camp program for junior high students is enabling them to put Christianity into practice in a rugged camping situation where cooperation becomes one of life's major necessities.

Directors of the program are Miss Edith Goodwin, associate youth director, and Mrs. Warren Willis, wife of the conference youth director. They are assisted each week by teams of two adults who supervise five boys and five girls at each camp. Two such camps can be conducted simultaneously at the Leesburg site.

The rustic camps are completely separated from the main camp site. The only contact the rustic campers have with the rest of the camp is the daily supply and mail truck.

Much of the time is devoted to the basic needs of survival—collecting fire wood, cooking three meals a day, and cleaning up afterwards. The young people plan their own menus on a daily food budget.

Other activities at the camp are Bible study, nature crafts, hiking and devotions. The first group of campers built an outdoor chapel for those following them to use.

David Kuncicky, Tallahassee, listens to a tune played on the harmonica by Danny Davenport, Perry, at their tent in the rustic camp of the Leesburg Youth Camp. The rustic camps are designated to provide an experience in Christian living under rugged camping conditions.

Washing dishes at the rustic camp are Ann Hoeppner (left), Indialantic, and Carolyn Douglas, Boynton Beach. Much of the time at the camp is spent in preparing and cleaning up after meals, but the campers also participate in frequent devotional periods and other activities. Above is the rustic camp headquarters, built by college students this spring.

Florida Southern Will Open Early This Year

Florida Southern College, Lakeland, will begin its 1962-63 academic year two weeks earlier than usual this fall.

All new students are due to report on Labor Day, September 3, for a full week or orientation. Returning students will report September 6, and classes will begin September 10.

The student body is expected to number 1800, including 750 new students.

President Charles T. Thrift, Jr., said that a feature of the orientation program for new students will be a special worship service at 9 a. m. Sunday, September 9, at Lakeland's First Church. Bishop James W. Henley will preach.

Dr. Thrift urged parents who plan to accompany new student to the campus to attend a coffee hour on September 3 from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. in the Colonial Room of Joseph-Reynolds Hall, and a meeting at 2 p. m. of parents and faculty members in the Annie Pfeiffer Chapel.

Florida Southern is opening earlier than usual in order to complete the first semester by December 22, beginning of the Christmas holiday. Heretofore the first semester has run into January. The early opening also will permit a longer Easter holiday period.

Sixteen years of perfect attendance in choirs at Riverside Park Church, Jacksonville, have been accumulated by the family of Dr. W. H. Mathews. Contributing to this record are (from left): Mark Mathews, four years; Mrs. Mathews, five years; Organist-Director Robert O. Hoffelt; Gary Mathews, six years; and (front) Ricky Mathews, one year. They are among 31 members of the choirs having perfect attendance records ranging from one to sir years. They are wearing crowns presented to them at a recent choir recognition banquet and graduation.

World Methodism

The aggregate membership of Methodist churches throughout the world is now 19½ million and Methodist adherents total 42½ million, according to the World Methodist Council.

Detroit Laymen Send Mobile Clinic to Congo

A new mobile clinic, a $10,000 gift of Detroit Methodist laymen, is on the way to the Congo in Africa for the use of a medical missionary from Michigan.

AT BRYAN MEMORIAL—

20-Year-Old Mother Preaches First Sermon

(See Cover Photo)

A 20-year-old mother-of-two recently mounted the pulpit at Bryan Memorial Church, Miami, to deliver her first sermon as a licensed lay preacher. She opened her sermon, "A Cure for Unhappiness," by conceding that "I may be young and not as mature or as wise as you. But these are not my words. They are the words of many wise men — including our Saviour."

Mrs. Peter M. Moore, the former Judy Clark, was preparing to be an educational missionary when she decided on preaching. "I always wanted to do something for the Lord because He has blessed me so much," she explained.

At the age of 14 Mrs. Moore won the "Voice of Democracy" contest for the State of Florida and received a two-year scholarship to the University of Miami and a trip to Washington, D. C. In high school she was a member of the National Honor Society, National Thespian Society, National Philosophical Society and chaplain of her home room.

At Bryan Memorial she was president of the senior Methodist Youth Fellowship, superintendent of the junior division of Vacation Church School, and a member of the youth choir. She is now a member of the chancel choir, Woman's Society, and a teacher of the third and fourth grades in Sunday School.

Mrs. Moore completed all the requirements for a local preacher's license at the age of 19 and was granted the license to preach. During these studies she received all "A's".

Mrs. Moore hopes eventually to be a fully ordained minister. She already is working toward the deacon's order through the church's extension seminary and when she completes that course she plans to undertake the courses leading to ordination.

FALL PROGRAM—

Overseas Methodist Leaders Come To U.S. for 'Mission to America'

A second "Mission to America" is being planned for the fall of 1962. This evangelistic thrust is missions in reverse. It comes in response to a statement of the 1960 General Conference of the Methodist Church which asked that consideration be given to inviting "outstanding leaders and preachers of worldwide Methodism to the United States to give witness to their triumphant faith, and to lead the Methodists of America to a deeper devotion to our Lord Jesus Christ."

Two mission leaders each have been enlisted from Africa, Southern Asia, East Asia, Southeast Asia, Latin America and Europe. They were selected on the basis of their leadership, Christian Experience and ability to speak English. They expect to do evangelistic work in preaching, speaking to various groups, and visiting in homes for commitments to Christ and His Church.

These Christian leaders will be available for missions of six or eight days each in Methodist churches or in county, city, or sub-district evangelistic programs

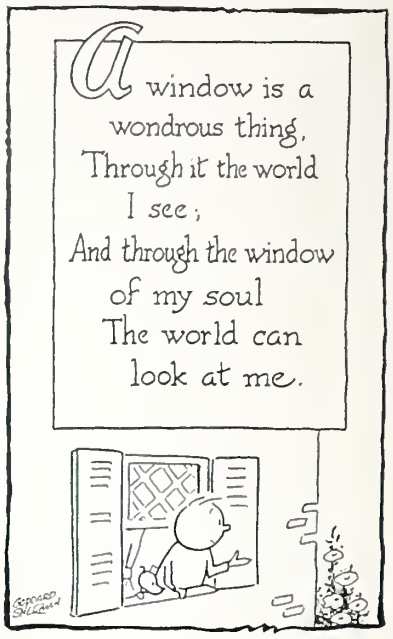
The leaders include Pierre Ashema, district superintendent, Congo; A. Harold McGee, Secretary of the Council of Evangelism, India; Sam Kamelesan, minister of Immanuel Methodist Church, Madras, India: Mrs. E. V. Davies, conference president of WSCS, Singapore; Catalino T. Garcia, district superintendent, Philippines; Nabuo Kabayashi, teacher of Theology, Japan; Chang Duk Yun, pastor and district superintendent, Korea; Miss Violeta Cavallero, worker at Crandon Institute, Uruguay; Frederico Fagura, pastor and district superintendent, Argentina; Victor Brattstrom, pastor of St. James Church, Groteborg, Sweden.

The General Board of Evangelism is now enrolling churches and groups such as districts and communities to sponsor these missions. There are still some open dates and any church or group of churches considering sponsoring a mission should contact the Rev. Leslie J. Ross, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee. The dates are September 7 to December 16.

METHODIST MEMBERSHIP TOTALS 19.5 MILLION

The aggregate membership of Methodist churches throughout the world was officially announced as 19.5 million while Methodist adherents were estimated at 42.5 million. More than half of this number of the members live in the U.S.

The "Sunny" Soul



Williston Church To Add Building

Members of First Church, Williston, have pledged $10,000 on a $60,000 building program.

The first unit, a children's building measuring 30 by 204 feet and costing $30,000, will comprise kindergarten, nursery and junior class rooms.

The Rev. David A. Denslow, pastor, said next priority will be given to an addition containing an office and adult and youth centers.

The Rev. Richard K. Morton, chaplain of Jacksonville University, speaks before a unique monthly luncheon meeting of men from suburban St. Paul Church, Jacksonville. The meeting, held downtown in a private dining room, is designed to help meet the needs of the many business and professional people from St. Paul's Church with offices downtown. Each month there is a speaker dealing with a religious topic. Mr. Morton's topic was "This is a Pre-Christian Age Rather Than a Post-Christian Age."

PRIME MISSION FIELD—

Pastors Seek To Make City Church More Effective

Sixty Florida ministers met at Goss Memorial Church in Orlando during June to discuss one of the most vital problems facing the church today — getting the Gospel across to the nation's city dwellers.

Chief problems discussed during the two-day conference were how to reach those living in the metropolitan areas and how to make the downtown church attractive enough to suburban residents that they will make an extra effort to attend it.

The downtown church must not disappear, said Bishop Henley. It is an indispensible part of our society — the Voice of God in the city.

"We didn't come here to talk about keeping the city church alive," he declared. "We came here to talk about how it can bring the Kingdom of God to our communities."

The city church which draws membership from all social and economic classes is a good test of our Christianity. The Rev. Harry Farham, pastor of First Church, Naples, asserted that we should question our theology if the more prosperous members of a city church's congregation withdraw as those from a lower economic class join it.

The Rev. W. S. Bozeman, pastor of First Church, Tampa, added that in city churches people are judged more by their individual merits than by their position in the community.

The "parish plan" and "outpost school" were discussed as a means of serving those areas where people are hesitant about entering a church.

Those at the conference were told that it may be necessary for suburban churches to support the downtown "mother church" as it once aided them in getting established. It was pointed out that the U.S. metropolitan centers are one of the world's greatest mission fields.

The Rev. George Foster, Miami District superintendent, warned that the pastor of a downtown church must concentrate on being "a priest and a pastor" and not let himself get submerged in secular civic affairs.

The Rev. Harold Buell, pastor of Hyde Park Church, Tampa, presides at a Conference on the City Church held at Goss Memorial in Orlando during June. A panel which discussed the problems facing city churches consisted of (from left) the Rev. Jiles Kirkland, Manhattan Avenue, Tampa; the Rev. W. S. Bozeman, First Church, Tampa; the Rev. Gordon Strickland, Riverside, Miami.

"Let our church be a house of prayer," he added, "and never, never let it become a house of community convenience."

The Rev. Lewis N. Head, pastor of Park Temple Church, Miami, showed a graph of membership figures which indicated that five of the conference's 10 largest churches in 1943 — all big city churches — were no longer in the top 10.

Churches to slip from the 10 largest were White Temple and Trinity, Miami; Hyde Park and Seminole Heights, Tampa; and Riverside Park, Jacksonville. Taking their place in the top 10 were First Church, Clearwater; First, Coral Gables; Park Temple, Ft. Lauderdale; Pasadena, St. Petersburg; and Palma Ceia, Tampa. The new churches are either in smaller communities or are suburban in character.

Those churches which maintained their place among the 10 largest were First Church, Orlando; Christ, St. Petersburg; First, St. Petersburg; Trinity, Tallahassee; and First, Lakeland.

The conference was sponsored by the Committee on Urban Life under the leadership of the Rev. Harold Buell, pastor of Hyde Park Church, Tampa.

Emory Professor Speaks at Family Life Conference

Dr. Claude Thompson will be the platform speaker at a three-day Family Life Conference Labor Day weekend at the Methodist Youth Camp, Leesburg.

Mr. Thompson will deliver the opening address on Saturday, both the Sunday morning and Sunday evening sermons, and the closing address on Monday. A professor of systematic theology at Candler School of Theology, Mr. Thompson is also a member of the Florida Conference.

Thompson

The conference begins Saturday, Sept. 1, at 2:30 p.m. with registration and cabin assignments. It closes with the noon meal Monday. Those attending will select one of three discussion groups to attend and also participate in various forms of recreational activities.

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WSCS Executive Committee Votes Racial Policies Charter As Goal

By Mrs. John W. Wilson

By a vote of 23 to 5, the executive commtitee of the Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service agreed to ratify and implement the 1962 Revised Charter of Racial Policies adopted by the Woman's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions at its annual meeting last January,

This action is binding upon the members of the executive committee as individuals only. Local and district societies are free to act upon the Charter as they see fit and to issue their own statements.

However, the executive committee accepted a recommendation to present the Revised Charter for ratification and implementation at the 1963 annual meeting of the conference society. Therefore, each local and district society is urged to study the charter revisions and send its delegates to the conference meeting prepared to act. The vote of the majority will dictate the official position of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

In presenting the charter to the meeting of the executive committee in Lakeland on July 26, Mrs. Howard Anderson of Daytona Beach, conference secretary of Christian Social Relations, made the following statement:

"The world was different in 1952 when the first goals were adopted. The statements in that first Charter were based on the facts gathered about the policies and practices in the church, woman's society, institutions and community in general. These facts were gathered and compiled between 1949-1951.

"Some of these statements, or goals, have been achieved, at least in a limited way. Many have scarcely been touched. The changes in the world during the past ten years have been too rapid for the "comforts" of the church.

"The new leaflet, Two Decades: Progress - 1952-1962—: Promise - 1962-1972, now due off the press of our Literature Headquarters, will be very useful to help us see our accomplishments as well as signs of promise."

The following expressions are from Woman's Society and church leaders:

"Is our faith so compelling that the love of Christ in us forces us to share this Christ with others? Is it so compelling that we cannot leave things as they are? What is this compelling faith —this faith tremendous? When we have it, what does it do to our lives? Bishop Glenn R. Phillips said faith is like a bridge that spans a body of water. The bridge, if is is a good one, is rooted in granite on the shore. Our faith, then is a bridge that is in direct connection with our Heavenly Father, the son of the Holy Spirit is alive forever, that He came and He died for all people, and that believing in Him, all may have eternal life. And to have a real foundation for our faith, we must be able to say as did Paul, "He appeared to me, also', if we have changed; for we are changed inside. This faith sets us to work with willing feet; it compels us to stand; we cannot hold back." **Mrs. David R. Thurman** in her message to the annual meeting of the Conference Woman's Society, April 23, 1962.

"When we say 'as faithful as an old dog', we mean total self-giving to one's master. Such faith provides no room for plateaus, for resting places, for the entertainment of frustration or pessimism. Such faithfulness demands continual pressing forward hopefully." **Bishop Lloyd Wicke**, on the occasion of the 10th celebration of the Charter of Racial Policies and introducing the revised charter at the annual meeting of the Woman's Division, January, 1962.

"The problems of race relations must be examined in love lest the cause of Christ suffer at our hands. Let us re-examine all our attitudes toward other persons in the light of the teachings of Jesus and God's demonstrated love for us". **Methodists Speak** on Christian Social Concerns.

"We want to stress that these are new goals for the next decade and we begin where we are and continue to work during this next decade to implement these goals. These are not goals that may be achieved in a few weeks or months' . . .Department of Christian Social Relations, Woman's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions.

A·CHARTER·OF·RACIAL·POLICIES

WOMAN'S DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

·WE BELIEVE·

1. We Believe that God is the Father of all people and all are His children in one family.
2. We Believe that the personality of every human being is sacred.
3. We Believe that opportunities for fellowship and service, for personal growth, and for freedom in every aspect of life are inherent rights of every individual.
4. We Believe that the visible church of Jesus Christ must demonstrate these principles within its own organization and program.
5. We Believe that the Woman's Division as an agency of The Methodist Church must build a fellowship and social order without racial barriers in every area it may touch.

·WE WILL·

1. Commit ourselves as individuals called by Jesus Christ to witness by word and deed to the basic rights of every person regardless of cost.
2. Unite our efforts with all groups in the church toward eliminating in The Methodist Church all forms of segregation based on race whether in basic structure or institutional life.
3. Create in local churches opportunities for inclusive fellowship and membership without restriction based on race.
4. Act with other groups and agencies to involve families in new experiences with other races and cultures.
5. Share in creative plans that challenge youth, students and young adults of all races to new understanding of the Church's mission and ministries.
6. Interpret and strengthen recruitment and employment practices of the Woman's Division consistent with our belief in the oneness of God's family.
7. Open the facilities and services of all Woman's Division institutions without restriction based on race and make such policies clearly known.
8. Establish all Schools of Missions and Christian Service and all leadership development and enrichment programs on a regional basis without restriction based on race.
9. Seek to change community patterns of racial segregation in all relationships including education, housing, voting, employment and public facilities.
10. Work for national policies that safeguard the rights of all the nation's people.
11. Support world-wide movements for basic human rights and fundamental freedoms for peoples everywhere.
12. Join with others who seek in church and community justice and freedom for all members of the family of God.

Mrs. George Carlton (seated) of Orlando registers Mrs. Lillian Mathews and Mrs. Donald Keyes, both of Gibsonton, and Mrs. Allan Burry, Miami, at WSCS School of Missions.

Busy with School of Missions paper work are (from left) Mrs. J. Ben Stalvey, dean, and Mrs. David R. Thurman, Conference Woman's Society president, both of Miami, and Mrs. Allen Watson, Wildwood, chairman.

600 Women Attend School of Missions

The annual School of Missions of the Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, held July 23-27 in Lakeland at Florida Southern College, set a new record of 532 members enrolled in classes.

Attendance totaled 600, including visitors, staff and faculty.

The Wesleyan Service Guild's annual Week End of Missions, July 19-22, also set a new record with 178 in attendance — making a grand total of 778 participating in both programs.

Classes of both schools featured the four authorized courses of study for this conference year: "Prayer," "The Christian Mission on the Rim of East Asia," "Today's Children for Tomorrow's World," and "The Church's Mission and Persons of Special Need."

This fall every district will hold seminars to present these study courses to officers and other representatives of local societies.

A new feature of the school was the attendance of 58 high school girls who comprised a special class under the direction of Miss Polly Lassiter, church and community worker of the Tallahassee district.

An "old feature" which was revived was a daily Bible Hour, taught by Dr. Clyde L. Manschreck of the Methodist Theological School, Delaware, Ohio.

"O Send Us Forth" was the school's program theme. The chairman was Mrs. Allen Watson of Wildwood, and the dean was Mrs. J. Ben Stalvey of South Miami.

Five faculty members check their class schedule. From left are Mrs. John M. Pearson, Newburg, N. Y., former vice president of the Woman's Division; the Rev. Dale White of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, Washington, D. C.; Miss Thelma Stevens, Woman's Division, New York; the Rev. Charles M. Laymon, head of Florida Southern's religion department, and the Rev. George A. Foster, Miami district superintendent.

Pictured above are members of the building committee of Winter Park Methodist Church breaking ground for their new sanctuary on June 3. Chairman Richard Simmons, city manager of Winter Park, turns the first spadeful. Others pictured (from left) are Webber Haines, the Rev. Caxton Doggett, James Lindsey, Lawrence Leyman, A. B. Morgan, Mrs. Ray Trovillion and Jack Monahan. Total cost of the building will be $340,000. It will seat 850 and will be of Spanish Mediterranean design.

Reject First Bids On New Auditorium

Initial bids of four contractors on the proposed $500,000 Branscomb Memorial Auditorium to be built at Florida Southern College were rejected July 17 by the building committee.

"Each of the four bids was in excess of anticipated costs," said the Rev. George A. Foster, Miami district superintendent and chairman of the committee.

He said the committee will meet in Lakeland September 11 to review plans after conferring with the architects, Nils M. Schweizer & Associates of Winter Park, to see if costs can be trimmed.

The 1812-seat auditorium, named for the late Bishop John Branscomb, is to be the gift of Florida Methodists to the college.

TWO RETIRED MINISTERS JOIN LAKELAND CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. J. H. Daniel and the Rev. E. H. Van Scoy have joined the staff of First Church, Lakeland, as pastoral visitors. The Rev. C. M. Cotton, pastor, announced that they will serve on a part-time basis.

Insurance Plan Begins 8th Year

The Florida Conference Group Insurance Plan began its eighth year of operation on July 1. It now has 496 ministers enrolled. Of this number, 454 are under 65 years of age, and 42 over. This represents a net increase of 22 over a year ago.

All conference members, and full-time aporoved supplies are eligible for this low-cost insurance, provided they apply for it within two years after they begin full-time work in the conference. A transfer is eligible provided he has not reached his 55th birthday.

Every member of the plan under 65 years is insured in the amount of $5,000. This is cut to $2,500 when he reaches 65.

The cost to the minister is $3 per month. The cost to seminary students, while on trial, is $1.50. This is also the cost for members over 65. Presently there is no charge after he reaches 72. The single-payment annual premium is $35 ($17.50 for those paying $1.50 per month), provided payment was received before August 1. All communications and payments should go to the Rev. Bruce F. Gannaway, 1400 Lancaster Drive, Orlando.

47 Receive Degrees At Florida Southern

Florida Southern College, Lakeland, awarded academic degrees to 47 seniors August 10 at the annual summer commencement convocation.

Thirty-eight of the new graduates are from Florida, and nine from other states. This makes a total of 311 who have received degrees during the 1961-62 academic year, and advances the grand total of FSC graduates to 7,930.

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Deaths

The Rev. E. C. Willson

The Rev. E. C. Willson, a retired member of the Florida Conference, died in Hollywood, Fla., July 12 after a lengthy illness. Mr. Willson was admitted to the Florida Conference in 1933 and retired in 1960. During that period he served churches at Spring Lake; Lake Placid (1935); Riverview (1936); Montverde - Zellwood (1937); Cross City (1939); Chaplain (1942); Dunedin (1946); Perry (1947); Homestead (1950); Retired (1956); Umatilla (1957); Retired (1960). He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Blanche Willson, Hollywood; two sons, Edwin Willson, Jr., in England and Howard Todd Willson, Gainesville; two daughters, Mrs. Thomas Osborn of Bartow and Mrs. Frank Sapp of Homestead; a brother, J. H. Willson, Bartow; two sisters, Mrs. E. L. Gebhart and Miss Isabel Willson, both of Coral Gables, and eight grandchildren.

Dr. and Mrs. Ellis

The Rev. James E. Ellis, 67, former executive secretary of Latin American work for the Methodist Board of Missions, died July 9 in New York. His wife, Mrs. Frances Watson Ellis, 65, died a few hours earlier of a heart attack.

Mrs. Corinne Lewis

Mrs. Corinne E. Lewis, widow of the Rev. J. Douglas Lewis, died July 15 in Miami. Married in Cuba in 1900, she and her husband served 14 years at the Methodist Mission in Ybor City.

Mrs. Harvey F. Brandt

Mrs. Harvey F. Brandt, 63, of Aurora, Ohio, died unexpectedly July 2 after a heart attack. An executive member of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions, she was chairman of the Sixth Quadrennial Assembly held in May in Atlantic City, N. J. which brought some 13,000 Methodist women together.

CALENDAR

September 1-3—Family Life Conference at Leesburg Youth Camp.

September 11 — Branscomb Auditorium Building Committee, 10 a.m., at Florida Southern College, Lakeland.

September 11 — Conference Planning Commission, 2 p.m., Methodist Building, Lakeland.

The Rev. Russell T. Richardson (left) College Park, Orlando, extends the hand of fellowship to David Wright (right) while the Rev. Elbert Wilson, associate minister, looks on. Mr. Wright is the 1,000th person to be received into the membership of College Park since Mr. Richardson became pastor six years ago.

300 Workers Attend Training Conference

More than 300 Florida Methodist church school workers met for a three-day leadership training conference at First Church, Lakeland, July 10-12. Dr. Mary Alice Jones, Nashville, author of 20 children's books, served as instructor for the course.

Mrs. Margaret Hollis, newly-appointed director of Methodist Children's Work in Florida, was in charge of the conference, and Mrs. Virginia Lee Saari, director of religious education at the host church, served as program chairman.

Other members of the planning committee were Mrs. Wayne Terry, registrar; Mrs. Frank Tate, arrangements; Miss Patsy O'Neal, music; the Rev. Lee Pearson, recreation; and Miss Mary Margaret Houk, books.

Group leaders were Mrs. Roma B. Tossey, Jacksonville, nursery; Mrs. Beulah C. Domm, St. Petersburg, kindergarten; Miss Mamie Ledbetter, Orlando, primary; Mrs. Irene Yopp, Miami, juniors; and Mrs. June Bastien, Jacksonville, administration.

On Protestant Hour

The Rev. A. Purnell Bailey, Methodist district superintendent of Richmond, Va., is the Sunday speaker this summer on "The Protestant Hour" radio program through September 2.

75 Youth Attend Music Workshop

75 senior high and older youth attended the Church Music Workshop at Florida Southern College, Lakeland. The week-long workshop was climaxed by a sacred concert at College Heights Church.

The Rev. Milton Wyatt, executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Education, was in charge of arrangements. Other staff officers were: Robert Hoffelt, Jacksonville, Dean; Helen Jones, Gainesville, Dean of Women; Grat Rosazza, Ft. Myers, Dean of Men; C. Frederick Harrison, Tallahassee, Registrar-Treasurer; Robert Emery, Ocala, Hymnology; the Rev. Conrad Holmes, St. Petersburg, Music in the MYF; Grant Pulen, St. Petersburg, Choir; Edith Goodwin, Lakeland, Recreation, and Mary Elizabeth Emery, Ocala, Voice.

Rooks and Rabb Named to Posts

Two Florida ministers, the Rev. John J. Rooks, Lakeland district superintendent, and the Rev. Leslie E. Rabb, pastor of Seminole Church in Largo, have been elected to Southeastern Jurisdictional offices.

Rooks is vice president of the Jurisdictional District Superintendents' Conference and Rabb is an area representative of the Pastors' Conference.

They were elected July 20 at the annual meeting of the two groups at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

Springfield Directs Student Conference

The Rev. Thaxton Springfield, Wesley Foundation director of the University of Florida, Gainesville, will serve as educational director of a Methodist Student Movement leadership training conference, August 23-30 at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

Me And My Bible

By MRS. ED FERRELL

Do you like to explore? You will have the opportunity of doing just that today! One of the most satisfying explorations you can make.

Explore the next person that you see. What a miracle is each individual. Within each person there exists years of dreams, hopes, and experiences; heartaches and defeats. Successes, too, and the spirit of God. Waiting for us to know. Hidden within.

Theodore Matson writes of the "thingagazation" of man. Man, lost in the masses, living in the secular, urban culture of today is becoming a victim of "things." Yet under this exterior of the "homogenized" man is a soul hungry for recognition.

"Each soul stands in the splendor of its own existence," Martin Buber said. "In each man there is something precious that is in no other man; therefore one should honor each man for that which is hidden within, which only he and no one of his companions possess.

It is a challenge to each of us to uncover the splendor that is in each man. Address yourself to it in the next person you meet. Give of yourself.

"But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself." Leviticus 13:34.

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False beliefs and dogmas are the greatest menace that the human race has to face.

—HARRY ELMER BARNES

FORMER NOME MISSIONARY SHOWS SLIDES OF ALASKA

The Rev. Gerald McCray, who recently returned from Nome, Alaska, where he served as a Methodist missionary for several years, showed color slides of life and living conditions in the new state at the July meeting of the Methodist Men of First Church, Frostproof. Mr. McCray is now serving as pastor of Bowling Green Church.

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. . . Back When Tampa District Stretched Clear to Key West

The Florida Southern College library recently acquired three handwritten books containing minutes of annual meetings of the Tampa District, dating back to the year 1878.

The Tampa District at that time was large in area. It stretched from Lakeland to Key West, covering most of the central and southern part of the state.

In 1878 the records show that one minister was "nearly paid." By 1883 all assessments except $10 were met, although there was still no regular financial system in most circuits. As late as 1894 a pastor reported that he had $150 worth of furniture, but no church or parsonage. During that same period, Coconut Grove, the first church in Miami, reported "no collection, no parsonage, and no Woman's Society."

Many saloons had sprung-up by 1880 and, as a result, a temperance committee was formed which gained wide support from Methodists. In 1884 licensed saloons were almost driven out of bounds of the Tampa District. Out of three large counties there was only one saloon to be found.

One report states, "The enemy has raised a cry already and is making every effort to bring existing temperance law into disrepute by declaring it ineffectual. This is due to the fact that there are old topers who will have whiskey if it is to be had, they send off to get it from other places. We say you will go to hell as easily on domestic as imported wines."

It was recommended in 1884 that the conference establish a church paper. This was later approved and it was called the **Florida Christian Advocate**, now the **Florida Methodist**. At the conference in 1896 there was much concern over the fact that only one out of every six Methodists were subscribers to the paper. (Our present rate is one out of every 20.)

Dr. Charles T. Thrift, president of Florida Southern College, inspects old Tampa District minutes with the Rev. Melton Ware, former Tampa District superintendent. Mr. Ware gave the old handwritten records to the Florida Southern College library.

In 1903, the admission of the Rev. R. Ira Barnett, oldest living alumnus of Florida Southern College, is recorded.

The last session in this set is 1915. It was never recorded in the book but remains on loose papers in note form.

Pastor Tells Method To Combat Extremists

The Rev. Gene Zimmerman, Green Cove Springs, recently expressed his views on combatting the extreme right wing approach to politics, economics and religion published in Putnam County publications and so-called hate sheets.

"A frontal attack on those who publish these papers is worthless," Mr. Zimmerman said. "You can't shout them down, because they can shout louder. You can't reason with them, because they won't listen to reason."

Mr. Zimmerman says that he gathers material written by persons of unquestioned loyalty, such as FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, and simply hands this material to anyone who asks about questionable statements in these hate sheets, or who tries to add his own voice to such statements.

9 Graduates Plan To Enter Seminaries

Nine Florida Southern College graduates face three more years of study as graduate students in seminaries across the country.

Lloyd T. Taylor, Miami, and Oliver F. Taylor of Jacksonville are headed for Duke University's Divinity School; Ed Ellis, Auburndale, and Frank J. Landers of Miami have been accepted at Boston University's School of Theology; McEver Speights of Miami plans to enter Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology; Larry E. Webb, Clearwater, is going to Southern California School of Theology; Gary Shiplett, Homeland, is headed for Princeton University's seminary; Billy Ray Johnson, Gainesville, is going to Gordon Seminary, Mass., and Robert Bugbee, Winter Haven, to Presbyterian Seminary in Louisville.

Church Holds 2nd 'Mortgage Burning'

A second "Mortgage burning" was held at First Church, Bradenton, in a dedication ceremony July 1 conducted by Bishop James W. Henley.

The burning of the Mortgage was evidence that the debt incurred for the education Building, renovated sanctuary and new pews had been paid in full.

Raymond Turner, Chairman of the official board, stated that they had been present at the first "Mortgage Burning" when the debt for the present sanctuary and parsonage was paid.

Under the leadership of the Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, the church has paid off the final $20,000 of its debt in the past two years. The value of the present church property is over $525,000.

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The Bishop Calls—

Dear Readers of the Florida Methodist:

Two Pan American plane flights are made from the Miami International Airport each day for Havana. On July 19th I took the second flight. It was a beautiful day and a lovely trip across the Everglades and the Western Keys(Sugar Loaf and Key West). After 55 minutes of flight, we arrived at the Havana Airport.

There are six provinces in Cuba and the districts of the Conference correspond with the provinces. The six superintendents were at the plane to meet me. Bless them, some of them had come long distances at great inconvenience. Brother Armando Rodriquez had traveled more than 550 miles by train. And there they were — just beyond the plate glass window that separated the Cuban custom officers from the lobby.

Within a few minutes we were together and on our way in two cars to the Harrell Memorial Methodist Church. There we had a brief Cabinet Meeting, discussing the plans for my visit in Cuba and my itinerary for the following days. The details of every day had been worked out completely.

Dr. Angel E. Fuster and Mrs. Fuster drove me from one appointment to another. We left Havana about 3 o'clock and spent the night in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Fuster at Santa Clara. The next morning we completed our journey to Santiago de Cuba. It was the 20th of July, Santiago was decorated for the big celebration on the 26th when Fidel Castro would be present to participate in the observance of the national holiday.

We had a box supper at the church and afterwards a service of worship. Attendance was splendid there and everywhere else I spoke. The singing was excellent and one felt that everyone present was there because of personal interest and concern. The next morning we drove to Holguin and had lunch with the ministers, the lay preachers and the church officials of the district. That night we had a great congregation at Branscomb Memorial Methodist Church. Of course, the Methodists were there, but there were representatives from the Salvation Army, the Baptist Church, and the Masons. One of the thrilling reports in this district was the account of how 54 young people went two-by-two throughout the province last summer visiting from home to home, leaving Christian literature, selling Bibles and having prayer. Many Florida people know Miss Sarah Fernandez. She's a wonderful lady and I am pleased to bring greetings from her to all her friends. The Fusters and I spent the night at the home of the district superintendent, Brother Armando Rodriquez. The next morning we were on the way to Camaguey. Billboards all along the highway were announcing the celebration with Fidel in Santiago on July 26. Men were at work decorating telephone poles and highway markers with palm branches. We passed 224 trucks (I understand they were manufactured in Czechoslovakia) with the names of various towns and communities to which they were apparently going to bring pilgrims to Santiago for the national holiday.

In the afternoon I met with ministers and lay workers of the Camaguey District. Brother Jose Lopez Reyes, the district superintendent, presided. That night we had a service in the St. Paul

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Cuban Church Displays Faith, Courage

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Methodist Church, which is in the same block with Pinson College. This school has been taken over by the government, of course, and is no longer operated by The Methodist Church. Brother Rayes was only recently appointed to Camaguey and my Sunday there was his first in his new district and his new church.

The next night we were back in Santa Clara. At 4 p.m. the ministers and the lay preachers gathered to report on their activities. The Santa Clara Church is very lovely. It is designed along the lines of the Scarritt Chapel in Nashville. Some of the people had come 40 miles to attend the service that night. The Sunday school building, adjacent to the Santa Clara Church, also housed a parochial school sponsored by the church. Because of this the property has been confiscated by the government and the Sunday school meets in the sanctuary of the church. Next morning we drove over to Cienfuegos and had lunch with the Rev. and Mrs. Pedro Mayor. I believe the church at Cienfuegos has produced more Christian workers for the Cuban Conference than any other single church. Of course, we drove by the Eliza Bowman campus. It, too, is under the operation of the state. Before leaving we visited some of the smaller churches near Cienfuegos and hurried on to Matanzas.

The Rev. and Mrs. Reynaldo Toledo welcomed us there. He's the district superintendent of the Matanzas District and a full professor in the seminary. The Matanzas Seminary is located high on a hill overlooking the bay and the prospect from the campus is beautiful. We will have 22 Methodist students in the seminary this fall. It is a cooperative project involving the Presbyterians, the Episcopalians and the Methodists. Again, we had a church full of people. Brother Toledo interpreted for me. Afterward I met with about a dozen of the students who were staying on the campus during the summer.

The next night I was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Carlos Perez. In the evening I preached at the University Church. This is a beautiful building inside and out. It was the night of the 25th of July and the house was filled. That night, at 12 o'clock, loud speakers which had been fastened to telephone poles throughout Havana began to play the Communist Internationale. Speeches and marching songs continued until very late. The radio and television were given over on the 26th to the festivities at Santiago.

The Rev. Jorge Leon drove me to Pinar del Rio, where I preached in the church where Brother Flor Reina is pastor. He has plans for a new sanctuary when materials are available. Here, as throughout Cuba, I was struck by the hospitality of the people. They made me feel that they were glad I was there and I hope they understood that I was glad of the opportunity of being with them. After church, the Fusters, Brother Leon and I drove back to Herradura with Miss Dinorah Alducin and Miss Migdalia Abreu. We have quite a number of wonderful women who are holding churches most acceptably in Cuba. Some of them work in very difficult situations. These two ladies have five churches between them and the records give evidence of the effectiveness of their service.

Mrs. Wayne G. Thompson, president of Farrar Sunday School Class of Snyder Memorial, Jacksonville, shows a portrait of Fred B. Noble, who has taught the class almost 50 years. Mr. Noble is a former conference lay leader, a member of the Judicial Council, president of the Board of Trustees of the church. He has been a member of every General Conference since unification.

On Sunday morning, July 29, I preached in Central Methodist Church, Havana. Since I had to be at the airport at 11 o'clock, Brother Leon opened the services with a hymn and a prayer and then interpreted my sermon. By 10:35 Dr. Perez and I were on the way to the airport. I am deeply grateful to Dr. Perez, district superintendent of the Metropolitan District (Havana) for the hospitality he showed me in his home, for the many efforts he made in the preparations for my coming to Cuba and for seeing me to the plane this closing day of my visit.

I came away feeling that the Cuban church is alive and undismayed. I saw loyalty and courage and faith exemplified in the lives of the ministry and their people. It was a great experience for me and I have come back with a greater determination to serve our Lord more steadfastly.

Sincerely,
JAMES W. HENLEY

'One Per Cent Plan' Raises $300,000.00

Nearly $300,000 has been contributed by Methodists in the Southeastern Jurisdiction to ministerial education under the "One Per Cent Plan."

Under the plan, each church in the nine-state jurisdiction is asked to contribute to the fund an annual amount equal to one per cent of its operational budget.

Contributions in the nine episcopal areas are as follows: Nashville Area, $61,763; Charlotte Area $58,488; Atlanta Area, 44,916; Jackson Area, $32,989; Jacksonville Area, $28,986; Columbia Area, $25,973; Louisville Area, $25,600; Richmond Area, $11,205; and Birmingham Area, $9,570.

'Breakthru' Series Slated in Orlando

A statewide "Breakthru" training conference was held at First Presbyterian Church in Orlando recently at which 83 persons were instructed in how to organize and carry out effective programs for promotion and utilization of the television series.

The series is scheduled to begin Sept 23 over WLOF-TV, Orlando.

EXTRA MILE AWARD—

The Witness of a Chronic Invalid

Jim Millan is a young man. By nature he is outgoing, ambitious and anxious to serve his fellow man. His goal in life was to be a teacher, but a crippling disease has forced another vocation upon him — that of a chronic invalid.

At 29 he is bedridden. The disease — psoriatric arthritis — has taken a heavy toll. There is hardly a joint in his body that has not been affected by it. His skin itches, his face is swollen and misshapen, his fingers and toes are badly bent out of shape. His back is broken in four places because the powerful medicine he is taking weakens the bones. Since he must continue the medicine, the breaks cannot heal.

Outwardly this does not present an attractive picture. And yet an amazing number of visitors find themselves drawn to his bedside — captivated by his wonderful smile and courageous spirit.

The two things which stand out about him is his willingness to accept suffering without complaint and his great desire to witness for Christ. For this he was selected for our "extra mile" award.

In 1958, when he was still physically active, he preached a sermon at Woodstock Park Church while the minister was at Annual Conference. He was one of the first members of the young church and particularly active in youth work. Later, as his health declined, he addressed a Sunday evening service from a stool.

Now that he is a bed patient, he continues to keep in touch with the church to the best of his ability. He often sends devotionals to be included in the bulletin. He particularly likes to do this on special occasions. He wrote one for Easter this year. Sometimes the Methodist Youth Fellowship meets in his home for a devotional service, and nothing could please him more.

He has used his talents for teaching as a volunteer tutor, helping slow readers in elementary school and boys from the Vocational High School who are having trouble with their math.

Jim Millan, assisted by Miss Rita Storz, a visiting nurse

An area in which his witness is particularly effective is with fellow arthritics. He recently undertook the editing of a monthly newsletter for the Duval County Division of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation. His contributions are largely inspirational, including a "Crutches and Braces" column of quotations. His devoted wife, Mary, does the typing for him.

In writing to fellow arthritics, he said:

"Our lives cannot be dimmed by any degree of pain or discomfort for very long at a time. The very worst conditions always seem to get better. My own experience has shown me that some who are handicapped never leave their homes or even change their positions in bed. But their mental and spiritual horizons are often wider than those of many who are more fortunate physically. There are people whose hearts can still sing, and whose hands can form kind words, through frozen by arthritis. When handicapped, we have only the weapons of the spirit, but they are matchless—and when we win—it is a victory indeed!"

If you know someone—man, woman or child; minister or layman—who you feel has gone the "extra mile" in some church activity, please submit his name and the reasons for your choice to the Florida Methodist, Box 903, Lakeland.

FSC Trio Probes Work Camp Need In Puerto Rico

A Florida Southern College trio —a faculty member and two students—recently conducted a two-week study of Puerto Rico as a proposed work camp site for the Methodist Student Movement.

The project grew out of discussions on Christian social concerns in the Sunday school class for college students at College Heights Church, Lakeland.

John R. Sanbach, who teaches the class, made the survey along with the students—James Reed, Fulton, Ky., and Joe McCormick, Georgetown, Ind. Sanbach was a lay missionary in Cuba for six years before joining the Florida Southern faculty in 1960.

Members of the class proposed that Florida Southern's Methodist students establish a summer work camp in Puerto Rico similar to projects formerly sponsored in Cuba. Students would volunteer to help local Methodist churches build or repair their buildings, organize youth groups, establish church camps and similar projects.

NORLAND CHURCH, MIAMI, EDUCATIONAL BUILDING
...Remaining step of building program is sanctuary

FAST-GROWING CHURCH—

Norland Completes Second Floor of Educational Building

Norland Church, Miami, recently completed a second floor addition to its educational building at an approximate cost of $60,000. The building, containing 14 rooms, will provide space for the growing weekday kindergarten and the Christian education programs of the church, the Rev. Roland D. Vanzant, pastor, said.

Six years ago Norland was a mission-supported church in a portable school building accommodating approximately 30 people. Now the church has completed four of the five planned units of its church plant. The remaining step in the building program is the sanctuary. At present the church provides two morning worship services and a double session of the church school.

Comprised mostly of young married couples, the church has grown from 74 to 1,104 in the past six years and has received more persons on profession of faith than by transfer. During this period, 588 were received by profession of faith and 498 by transfer. The remaining 165 new members were transfers from other denominations.

Family Bible Time

By Juanita Bell

Tommy's been awful and Mary Jane bad;
Mama's a wreck and papa is sad.
Then dad takes the Bible on his knee;
The truth and the light once more we can see.
The family Bible plays its part
By showing us a loving heart.
We've only to reach for Jesus' hand
To weld an ever stronger band;
To grow in truth — to find the light;
To know the joy of a path so bright.
Inner glow and peace we find
If ever and always we keep in mind—
"The pathway to God is only through Me!"
So read His word and even as we,
You'll find such peace and joy complete
In resting a moment at Jesus' feet.
After the reading, our hands join in love,
We pray to the father in heaven above.
Our tensions and grievances just fall away,
When family and loved ones are kneeling to pray.

Juanita Bell is a member of Azalea Park Church in Orlando. Her poem is quite appropriate for Family Bible Reading Month.

Family Bible Reading Stressed This Month

Family Bible reading, as shown on our cover, will receive special attention during September, which has been designated as Family Bible Reading Month. Methodist families are urged to read Mark's Gospel together during the month.

To encourage families to begin reading the Bible, a special edition of the Gospel according to St. Mark, divided into 30 readings, has been printed.

Copies of this special edition may be secured from The Service Department of the Board of Education, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee. Single copies are 10 cents, Twelve copies, $1.00, and 100 copies, $8.00.

COUPLE CELEBRATES 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Fletcher, Plant City, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on August 19. Mr. Fletcher was elected pastor emeritus of First Church, Plant City, by the official board at its August 8 meeting. He served the church as pastor from 1930 to 1935. Mr. Fletcher's first appointment in the Florida Conference was in 1913. He retired in 1952.

Crosscurrents

(Editor's Note: A letter by Mrs. J. C. Campbell, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service (Crosscurrents, May 1) in which she criticized stands taken by the Woman's Division of Christian Service as not representing the views of those in the local societies has produced a greater response than any other item ever appearing in these columns. Since we are unable to print all of the letters received, the following (a letter by Mrs. B. D. Adams, Gainesville, and a response to it by Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service) were selected as representative of those submitted.)

Editor:

The letter by Mrs. Campbell strikes at a very vulnerable spot in the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Namely, the continuous statements that appear in *The Methodist Woman* which gives the impression that these statements are the views of *all* Methodist woman. Actually, these statements represent *only* the views of the committee making them. This should be emphatically stated at the time any statement is issued. The reason for making it clear as to the number present and voting would be to let it be known publicly that the committee is speaking for itself. In this way the public would not be misled. This also would create a better relationship between the WSCS and local women, because it is much easier to sit far removed from the scene of action and hand out idealistic statements than it is to get in and pitch. In as much as it is the local women who will be expected and *directed* to put these statements into action, they should certainly have a voice in making the decisions.

The cornerstone on which Christianity stands is our belief that God in his infinite wisdom created men free. Free to make choices. These choices are strictly between the individual and his God. When the individual is in harmony with God, the correct relationship individual to individual will be established. There is no place in a Christian organization for pressure groups. Likewise, there is no place for hatred between races or sections of this nation in a Christian organization. This great church is like a mighty tree. Its roots are deep in the religious life of America. If it is to weather this mighty storm that is causing its foundations to tremble it will take patience, love, understanding, and the elimination of the pressure groups whose philosophy is "we can and we will" force you to accept our views, no matter what the cost. This fosters ill will and eventually hatred.

Christ does not advocate this kind of forced action. It is much wiser and far more Christian to lead lovingly and gently in the complex problems of human relations. Before we reach the point of no return, I implore those at the *top* of our church organizations to try to restore harmony in our church.

MRS. D. B. ADAMS
Gainesville

Dear Mrs. Adams:

I am grateful to you for the copy of your letter to "Crosscurrents," which you sent also to the others indicated; also for the clipping in criticism of *The Methodist Woman.*

I ave just been reading *The Upper Room* devotional with its emphasis on the "doers." I recall theological discussions in recent months where new concern was pressed for the "redemption of all creation." I thought of the protests raised against expressed concerns of church leaders and church organizations on many public, often controversal, issues. Has this come about because church members have failed to "do" anything about these concerns as individuals? The church lost out in Russia because it was an institution apart from the world, yet Jesus said: "God so loved the world . . . ." and "I do not pray that these be taken out of the world," and similar statements revealing an involvement of Christians in the world.

I would remind you that the recommendations from the Woman's Division are *to* Woman's Societies and Guilds for their consideration, study, and action. The Division action is taken by the duly elected body representative of all parts of the country, all being members of local churches varying from my own small rural church on a four-point circuit in Tennessee to large metropolitan congregations in New York or California. As chairman, I have called for a count of all votes and to my knowledge there has never been more than two negative votes nor more than three or four abstentions.

You are quite right in your concern as to the maintenance of freedom for all. I am sure there is general awareness of pressure groups in operation in many areas of life, also of the abuse of power. It is the intent of the Woman's Division to provide information and to alert Methodist women so that they will give mature thought to the many issues confronting us. Nations are also confronted by new conditions, new demands, new adjustments. Our mission program is involved in the picture other peoples are receiving of our "Christian Democracy."

I think you will find the program of the Woman's Division of Christian Service is in line with that of The Methodist Church as expressed in official actions, resolutions, and the bishops' address at General Conference. We do have a great church in which we find diversity of ideas yet unity of purpose. It does take great love and patience and understanding to bring about true Reconciliation. No one of us can afford to claim a halo of righteousness. All of us are in need of Divine grace, and the greater the responsibility, the greater the realization of need.

There is one question: Do you really think there can be "a point of no return" in a work such as this? We may make mistakes but God — Divine Love — will never let us go. The major issues of our day are in the realm of human relations, as many leading scientists agree. It is most important that we seek to understand each other that we may be able "to serve the present age" in our own lives as well as in our program outreach.

MRS. J. FOUNT TILLMAN
President
Woman's Division of
Christian Service

IN TALLAHASSEE—

Trinity Church To Replace 70-Year-Old Sanctuary

TRINITY CHURCH, TALLAHASSEE
...70-Year-Old Sanctuary Razed

Final services in the old sanctuary of Trinity Church, Tallahassee, were held Sunday afternoon, July 1, at 4 p.m. The Rev. H. Melton Ware, new pastor at the church, led a service of prayer and Holy Communion.

Another feature of the service was the presentation of a history of the church prepared by one of its most faithful members, Frank Moor.

The old sanctuary, which was completed in 1893 at the approximate cost of $12,000, is being torn down to make room for a new one on the same location.

The pastor at the time the old church was built, the Rev. William M. Poage, loaned the church $1,500 to help get the work underway. The sum was more than his annual salary of $1,200. The congregation raised nearly $10,000 in cash and subscriptions and borrowed $1,000 from Board of Church Extension.

The first Methodist Church was founded in Tallahassee in 1824. The first building was constructed between 1825 and 1827 by Collin Woodbery, who is great-great-grandfather to Mrs. Wilson Sistrunk, a present member of Trinity. In 1837 the present site was purchased and the first sanctuary to occupy the corner was completed in 1841 or 1842.

This building was torn down in 1893 to make room for the church now being demolished. The north section of the building was added in 1910.

Plans for the new church were made under the ministry of the Rev. Glenn C. James, who died last spring. He served Trinity for almost nine years, the longest pastorate of any minister in its history.

For the next 18 to 20 months the congregation will worship at Opperman Music Hall on the campus of Florida State University.

I Sat In On a Physicians' Conference

By Joe A. Tolle
DeLand District Superintendent

I sat in on part of the Methodist Physicians Conference, a new program offered this summer for the first time at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

It was a great experience. At one session Dr. John C. Carman, director of the Vellore Christian Medical College, Hospital and School of Nursing in South India, told us about the tremendous medical and training program offered by the Methodist Church . . . and the challenge for specialists of every kind to hear the call for a life-time or short-time period of service in the mission field.

Then he showed slides of the work at Vellore. One can't imagine the progress that has been made since the turn of the century when Dr. Ida Scudder founded the hosptial.

Other speakers and discussion leaders at the conference, attended by about 50 doctors, included Dr. Harold Brewster, medical director of our General Board of Missions; Dr. Julian Price, a pediatrician and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Americn Medical Association, and Dr. Raymond L. White, director of the AMA's Department of International Health.

I talked to two Floridians — Dr. Weems of Sebring and Dr. Freeman of Ormond Beach—and they were thrilled about the conference and expressed the high hope that this new program will be continued at Lake Junaluska, and that more doctors will attend. I say Amen.

COUPLE OBSERVES 50th ANNIVERSARY

The Rev. and Mrs. Carlock Hawk observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary at their home in Asheville, N. C., on August 19. Mr. Hawk was pastor in the Florida Conference from 1935 until he retired in 1951.

Rugged Hike Offers New Adventure For MYF Workers

A Jacksonville minister and his nephew spent five days hiking in the mountains of the Great Smoky National Forest during August in a prelude to a new experience for Florida Methodist Youth Fellowship workers.

The Rev. David C. Groves, pastor of Garden City Methodist Church, and Billy Zimmerman, an older youth at Lake Shore Church, Jacksonville, took an orientation hike over the rugged mountain trails in order to lead others next summer.

They joined 14 other older youths in a five-day trip in which they carried all their food and clothing on their backs. The 16 hikers walked and climbed an average of six miles a day.

They ate dehydrated foods and camped in federal shelters, identified birds and trees, and shared in campfire discussions of *The Big Difference* by Barton Hunter.

Is The 'Golden Age' of Methodism Gone? Our Growth Record Seems To Say So

Modern churches are often accused of being too concerned with statistics, but some statistics presented at Florida Annual Conference merit plenty of concern.

Dr. Earl D. C. Brewer, professor of sociology and religion at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, gave some illustrations which show that Methodism is losing ground in the field of evangelism.

Although Florida continues to be one of the fastest growing conferences in Methodism, he pointed out it has one of the poorest records of evangelism in comparison with the total population growth of the state.

The "Golden Age" of Methodism evangelism was prior to the Civil War, Dr. Brewer related. Some statistics he presented clearly substantiate this statement.

The average annual rate of increase in the U. S. population and among Methodists is as follows:

Period	*U. S.*	*Methodist*
1800-1850	6.7%	34.4%
1850-1900	4.6%	5.1%
1900-1950	2.0%	2.2%
1950-1960	1.9%	1.1%

Taking the decade between 1950 and 1960 as a whole, the growth rate of Methodism in Florida was the poorest in the nation when compared with the state's rapid population increase.

	Population Growth	*Methodist Growth*	*Lag*
United States	18.5%	10.9%	7.6%
Southeast	17.1%	10.5%	6.6%
Florida	78.7%	54.4%	24.3%

"When the Southern Presbyterians grow 14.9 per cent faster than the Methodists in Florida and 27.4 per cent faster in Georgia, it is time to be concerned! When the Southern Baptists grow 19.6 per cent faster than the Methodists in Florida and 27.2 per cent faster in Alabama, it is time to be concerned! When the Roman Catholics grow 77.7 per cent faster in Georgia and 218.4 per cent faster in Florida, it is time to be concerned!

"From our point of view this is not a pretty picture. It is likely to get worse before it gets better. Unless some new facts, factors, or faith enter the picture, the odds do not favor its getting better at all. Why is it that the largest single Protestant denomination is not sharing in the current revival of church membership in this country? Is the church to be content with this condition?

Some of the factors brought out by Dr. Brewer which influence this trend are:

1. Methodism is under-represented in the metropolitan areas, where the population is growing rapidly.

2. Methodists have a poor record of assimilating members as they move about the country.

3. The town and country parishes are too small in membership and too limited in budget to provide for a fully trained and ordained pastor and an adequate staff. A pattern of consolidation, following the example of schools, is needed.

4. Specialized ministers are needed for today's complex society to serve areas which do not fall into the standard middle-class "stereotype" of a successful Methodist parish.

"These are internal problems," he said, "but the organism must be healthy on the inside to be effecttive on the outside. Yet the Christian Church does not exist primarily for its own enhancement. It exists to witness to God's acts in the world and to work in keeping with His will. Perhaps these internal difficulties are a judgement on Methodism for fundamental failures. Can Methodism be renewed and redeemed as an ecclesiastical structure to face this crisis with courage and confidence?

"The South is a land of serious racial injustice, of persistent poverty in the midst of plenty, of uprooted migratory people, of rapidly increasing measures of social and personal disorganization (crime, mental illness, disease, divorce, alcoholism, etc.), of the one-party political system that results in low voter registration and little viable political choice, of growing secularism and immorality in many spheres of life. There is no time and little need to marshal the facts in support of these generalizations. They are commonplace knowledge.

"What have been the witness and work of Methodism in town and country areas in the midst of these conditions? What about the year and the decade ahead? The record has it that the Christians of the Early Church went about doing their essential tasks of worship, witnessing, and work "and day by day the Lord added to their number those whom he was saving." (Acts 2:45 The New English Bible). Perhaps in order to become a greater ecclesiastical body, we must become the Church—the body of Christ—in essence and existence, leaving the results to God."

Brewer

Powerful Address

Above are excerpts taken from an address by Dr. Earl D. C. Brewer at Flordia Annual Conference. The Emory professor spoke under the auspices of the Town and Country Commission. The address made such an impact upon those who heard it that the Board of Education was requested to distribute the full text to every pastor in the Conference.

De Weese

Slater

Anderson

Frank

Caruth

Pettit

Record Number To Attend 3 Laymen's Conferences

Middleton

Henley

Advance registrations from over 1,600 Florida laymen assure a record attendance at the three Methodist Men's Conferences at Leesburg this Fall.

Conference Lay Leader R. H. Berg, Melbourne, said all indications point to a total attendance of over 2,000 for the three weekends—Sept. 28-30, Oct. 5-7 and Oct. 12-14.

Theme of the conference is "New Churches" and three visiting bishops, one each weekend, will deliver a Friday evening address on the subject. Bishop Eugene M. Frank, Missouri Area, will speak at the first conference; Bishop W. Vernon Middleton, Western Pennsylvania Area, will speak at the second; and Bishop Eugene Slater, Kansas Area, will speak at the third.

Three active laymen in other states will also highlight the program. Walter F. Anderson, director of the North Carolina Bureau of Investigation and president of the board of evangelism for the North Carolina Conference, is at the first conference; Clare N. Pettit, conference lay leader of the California-Nevada Conference and a member of the executive committee of the General Board of Lay Activities, will speak at the second; and H. Owen De Weese, conference lay leader of the North Indiana Conference and vice president of the General Board of Lay Activities, will speak at the third.

Speaking at all three conferences will be Bishop Henley, who will give the keynote address, and Dr. Thomas A. Carruth, director of the Spiritual Life Movement of the E. Stanley Jones Foundation. Mr. Carruth will give a Saturday morning address, lead a workshop on prayer and spiritual growth, and will be in charge of the commitment program each Saturday night following a period of personal witnessing.

Berg said all the sleeping space at the Methodist Youth Camp has been reserved, but he pointed out that there are excellent accommodations in motels nearby. The auditorium at the youth camp accommodates 700 — providing seats for 100 each weekend more than its sleeping and eating facilities.

Information on accommodations outside the camp may be obtained from district lay leaders or Norman Pounds, Box 39, Palatka, registrar for the weekends.

Workshops will be conducted on Methodist Church Organization, Christian Witnessing, Methodist Men and Stewardship, Training Lay Speakers, Prayer and Spiritual Growth, The Church Lay Leader, Church Literature, The Program of Missions, Know The Bible, and Building New Churches.

Berg To Take Part in Retreat For U.S. Servicemen in Europe

R. Howard Berg of Melbourne, conference lay leader, has been named a program leader at a retreat for American servicemen and chaplains stationed in 10 European countries, to be held Sept. 24-28 in Berchtesgaden, Germany.

Mr. Berg also is national president of the general Board of Lay Activities, which is sponsoring the retreat along with the Methodist Commission on Chaplains.

He will lead group discussions on "Major Methodist Beliefs" and "Prayer in a Christian's Life."

He and Mrs. Berg sailed from New York August 22 and will confer with lay leaders in England, Italy, Denmark, Switzerland and Germany prior to the retreat.

Other leaders at the retreat will include Bishop Donald H. Tippett, San Francisco; Bishop W. Vernon Middletown, Pittsburg; Robert G. Mayfield, Evanston, Ill., secretary of the lay board; the Rev. John R. McLaughlin, Washington, D. C., secretary of the chaplains' commission, and the Rev. Maldwyn Edwards of England, president of the British Methodist Conference.

Methodist Observers At Vatican Council

Methodists, along with other major Protestant and Orthodox communions, will be represented among the observers at the coming second Vatican Council of the Roman Catholic Church.

The World Methodist Council has accepted an invitation from the Vatican to send observers, but representatives have not been chosen. Since the Council will be in session for many months, it is thought likely that Methodist observers will change from time to time.

NEW CHURCHES BORN—

Wonderful News For The Family of God

By Henry W. Blackburn

The birth of a church, like the birth of an infant, is a newsworthy event, and the members of the Family of God throughout the Conference will be happy to hear that new congregations are being formed, and that dates are being set for the organization of these groups into Methodist churches.

Palm Beach Gardens

The Rev. Robert M. Brittain reports a successful first service for Palm Beach Gardens, a congregation sponsored by First Church of Riviera Beach. There were 35 persons present at the worship service on July 1 and 40 in Sunday School when they met in a building rented for that purpose. An attractive four-bedroom parsonage is being built by a layman, who has been instrumental in promoting the church. Organization will take place in the fall.

Lakeland

Attendance numbered 120 persons when the Rev. Charles W. Courtoy held the initial service July 1 for the Crystal Lake congregation in an elementary school building in eastern Lakeland. This promising church is sponsored by First Church, Lakeland, which is providing leadership, members, a parsonage and generous support.

Largo

On July 15, the Rev. David G. Hortin led a congregation of 37 in worship in the attractive new parsonage purchased for St. Paul's Church, Largo. A five-acre site on Highland Avenue and Rosery Rd. was purchased by the District Board of Missions and Church Extension, with the aid of Christ Church and other churches in St. Petersburg. The future looks very bright for this young church which is being very favorably received in the community.

Winter Haven

An example of church extension - in - dead - earnest has been given us by the Beymer Memorial Church of Winter Haven. Its pastor, the Rev. George C. Powell, while serving his first year, led his people in making a survey, finding a place to worship, and preaching for an early service for six months, for the St. John's Church, Cypress Gardens. At a recent meeting of the official board of the mother church, responsibility was assumed for $40,000 to complete payment on a $50,000 site for this promising new church. This was in addition to providing rent for the parsonage for the Rev. W. D. Tiffin, newly appointed pastor of St. John's, and supplementing his salary. The greatest gift of all was that of a number of active, able, generous members from the sponsoring church to provide leadership for the new congregation!

Lake Lindsey Charge

The New Hope Church on the Lake Lindsey Charge paid $170 on an asking of $100 for the Conference Loan Fund, and also overpaid its asking for district Church Extension. Floral City, on the same charge, paid $360 on an asking of $300 for the Loan Fund and $250 on a quota of $60 for district Church Extension. Lake Lindsey paid $110 on an asking of $50 for district Church Extension and is up-to-date on its payments to the Loan Fund. These three circuit churches have paid a total of $1,140 on askings of $710, and will pay more! The pastor is the Rev. F. Henry Wolfe, and the district superintendent who told us this happy story is the Rev. Hoyt Tatum.

Pompano Beach

While building a magnificent new sanctuary and large education building, First Church of Pompano Beach sponsored three new church extension projects, and fell behind with their payments to the Conference Loan Fund. Realizing recently that the final payments on this fund are due on June 1, 1963, the officials of this splendid church put the entire balance due in this year's budget, deferring some cherished items for the local church. They have already paid more than $1000 on this obligation since Annual Conference! Pastor and people are to be commended for their fidelity and devotion. Won't you send us a similar story? We shall be glad to publish it.

A New Day

Many among us who have paid excessive prices for property adjoining our churches, when needing room for expansion, will rejoice in the vision and generosity of our clerical and lay leaders who are purchasing from three to five acres of land for each of our new church extension projects. Your Conference church extension secretary has seen eight such sites this week, costing from a few thousand to $50,000 each. Posterity will call you blessed for providing adequately for the future!

Lakeland Ledger Photo

The Rev. C. W. Courtoy, pastor of a congregation that won't be officially organized until September 16, inspects the site of the new Crystal Lake Church to be built in Lakeland.

IN THE CONGO—

Hughlett Family – Inspiring Dedication Amid Hardships

The Hughlett family, Florida's three generation missionary team to Central Africa, continues to serve as an inspiring example of Christian dedication under adverse circumstances.

The movements of the various branches of the family also prove to be a good barometer in determining the progress of missionary work in the strife-torn Congo.

A joint letter by Dr. William Hughlett and his wife, Violet (written while they were 2,000 miles apart — he in Central Congo and she in Southern Rhodesia) pieces together the following developments in a six-month period.

Last October Dr. Hughlett and his wife were in Ganta, Liberia, where they were stationed temporarily after being evacuated from the Central Congo along with all other Methodist missionaries. While there they were joined by their youngest daughter, Vera, a nurse reporting for her first missionary assignment.

In October the medical missionary and his wife were summoned back to the Congo on separate assignments. Leaving Vera behind, Dr. Hughlett became part of a four-man team assigned to determine if conditions would permit resumption of the missionary work in the Central Congo. Violet was sent to Elizabethville, Katanga, where it was thought that missionaries were reasonably safe.

Shortly after Violet joined her daughter, Dorothy, a missionary teacher in Elizabethville, fighting broke out between the U.N. forces and Katanga troops. A wave of anti-American feeling swept through Elizabethville and the two Hughletts were evacuated along with other missionaries. After their departure Dorothy's room was destroyed by a stray bomb.

Dr. Hughlett found conditions much improved in the Central Congo, governed by the U.N.-backed Central government. As a result of the finding of the exploratory team, the Board of Missions will begin returning missionaries to the Central Congo this summer. Dr. Hughlett can be joined by his wife, and another Florida missionary, Burleigh A. Law, Jr., Tallahassee, will be among three other missionaries entering the area. Mr. Law spent last year studying languages in Brussels, before returning to the U.S. on furlough. He has been a missionary since 1949.

Mrs. Hughlett wrote her portion of the April letter from Southern Rhodesia, where she and Dorothy joined John Hughlett and his family—more refugess from the Congo. All were preparing to return to the Congo.

"John was asked to come back into the Congo to Katubwe Union Secondary School near Lulaubourg and try it for a while and decide whether

Dr. and Mrs. William Hughlett

to bring his family in or to return to the work at Mrewa Mission, Southern Rhodesia," Mrs. Hughlett wrote.

Here are some of Dr. Hughlett's observations about the Congo:

"Our job has been largely that of touring our mission stations, assessing situations with much prayer for guidance, studying new adjustments and new roles as advisors and helpers, and thinking of the future and of what policies to recommend.

"Despite chaotic economic and political conditions, our church leaders as a whole have carried their heavy responsibilities with great courage and ability. This is an amazingly crucial moment in the life of Christ's Church in the Congo and in its opportunity to witness to a distraught and confused people. The iron is white hot! The harvest is dead ripe! Adverse influences are strong. Continue to join us in very earnest and very persistent prayer for the Congo, **please.** Release more of His power, through obedience to His command to **pray.**

"I am writing at Wembo, Nyame, 10 miles from the home village of the late Premier Lumumba. In the emotional convulsion after his death, this post and Minga and Lodja were looted. They say some of our leaders might have been killed defending our missionaries had the latter not been evacuated, and some nearly were anyway. Cars and trucks were requisitioned and largely ruined (or have been since.)

"Now there is disillusionment and a new appreciation of Christ and His gospel, and a phenomenal call for Bibles — not by all but by many. Villagers say they want Christian villages with the harmony and peace that these demonstrate. People flock to revivals or preaching missions and confessions and are forgiven — even by those they have wronged—for all sorts of sins."

Me And My Bible

By MRS. ED FERRELL

"Thanks, John." Our First grader, just turned seven, was writing his first thank you notes. It was a struggle, but he made it. A task begun with reluctance was finished with pride.

The note, the telephone call, the small gift, mean so much to each of us. For each says someone has thought of us. And they show appreciation for a friendship or for another's thoughtful act. In a world too often coldly impersonal, it takes so little to lighten another's heart.

As Paul, that master letter writer, wrote to his dear friends: "And I thank my God for my every remembrance of you." So may we reassure our friends that they are in our thoughts.

This yearning to be in the thoughts of others is evident in our relationship to God. What satisfaction to know that we are part of the consciousness of God! "How precious are thy thoughts unto me O God, how great is the sum of them," the Paslmist wrote. (Psalms 139:17, 18.) "If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand."

Have you written your note today?

Youth Group Camps Near Children's Home

Seventeen junior high students of Broadway Church, Orlando, recently camped near the Florida Methodist Children's Home at Enterprise.

The young people camped on the shores of Lake Monroe, sleeping in tents and cooking out of doors. Each person was assigned a duty—setting up camp, cooking, life guard, and bugler.

Leading the expedition were the Rev. R. E. Ackenhusen, pastor, and Miss Carolyn Westbrook, educational director. The campers shared in inspirational moments as well as recreational activities. Before leaving they took a tour of the children's home, learning about its operation.

Retired Missionary Honored with Degree

The Rev. Julian Nave, Daytona Beach, is one of five persons related to Methodist missions to receive an honorary doctorate degree from a Methodist college during the current season of graduation activities. He was awarded the doctor of humane letters from McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill.

Mr. Nave retired in 1961 after 40 years of Methodist missionary service in India, having done educational and pastoral work in Budaun, Pauri, Shahjahanpur, Bareilly, Almora and Moradabad.

West Palm Student Receives Scholarship

David James Powner, West Palm Beach, is one of five Emory university freshmen who will receive National Methodist Scholarships for the 1962-63 academic year.

The $500 scholarships are granted on the basis of superior academic standing, leadership ability, active churchmanship, character, personality and need.

Funds for the scholarships are received from local Methodist churches on the basis of a church-wide offering on Methodist Student Day in June.

Methodist To Head United Church Men

Dr. Don L. Calame of Evanston, Ill., one of the top lay leaders of the Methodist Church, has been named general director of United Church Men, a general department of the National Council of Churches.

Calame

Mr. Calame, who is director and senior staff member in the Department of Methodist Men of the General Board of Lay Activities of the Methodist Church, will assume direction of the nationwide laymen's organization Sept. 1.

Mr. Calame has been on the staff of the Department of Methodist Men since 1953, directing the organization of new men's groups in local congregations and developing program materials for more than 14,000 such groups throughout Methodism.

Active in the Methodist Church all his life, Mr. Calame was one of the youngest delegates to the South Central Jurisdictional Conference in 1944.

Pictured above are some of the 40 replicas of churches made during a nine-month period by Mrs. J. K. Williams, Trinity, Miami, for use as table decorations at an annual banquet and installation of church school officers. The large white church in the foreground is an exact replica of Trinity Church, Miami.

Passerby's Alarm Saves Sanctuary From Destruction

A passerby is credited with saving the Cason Memorial Church, Delray Beach, from being consumed by fire on July 24th.

Frank R. Maradie, Boca Raton, said he was on his way home at about 1:30 a. m. when he noticed clouds of smoke coming out of the church reception room on the north side. As he attempted to check it out, flames broke out of an air conditioning unit on the second floor study room and immediately he sounded the alarm.

Fire Chief John R. Gregory said the blaze, which smoked up the entire sanctuary and scorched walls on the southeast corner of the building, was apparently caused by a short circuit.

Church in Russia 'Glimmer of Hope'

Methodist Layman Charles C. Parlin of New York told a recent University of California at Los Angeles convocation that the church is Russia's only glimmer of hope.

The prominent leader, first American layman elected to the presidium of the World Council of Churches, said that the number of believers in Russia is so important no premier could afford to stifle the faith quickly and completely. If Premier Khrushchev closed every church and shot every priest "he would be in the most serious trouble in his career," Mr. Parlin said.

Emory Seeking Man Who Can Raise Money

The vast financial challenges facing Emory University are expected to have "an important influence" on the selection of the university's next president, according to a university publication.

The June **Emory Reports** noted that Dr. S. Walter Martin, who resigned after five years as Emory's president, said that fund raising will be a major responsibility of the new president.

At the time of his resignation Mr. Martin pointed out that a careful study indicated Emory's resources should be increased by $75 million within the next 10 years, and that this figure is considered conservative.

A novel approach to ground-breaking is demonstrated by the Rev. John R. Hunt, pastor of Methodist Temple, Lakeland, who applies an axe to one of the large oaks which must give way to the church's new sanctuary. Watching the chips fly are Everett Greiner (left), chairman of the building committee, and Frank Trovillion, committee member.

IN LAKELAND—

Methodist Temple Breaks Ground On Sanctuary, Educational Unit

Ground-breaking services were held July 8 on a $140,000 sanctuary and educational building for Methodist Temple, Lakeland. Leading the service was the Rev. John R. Hunt, pastor.

The new sanctuary will be a steep pitched-roof structure, designed with a structural system of laminated wood arches. The side walls will feature a number of floor to ceiling windows of seedy marine antique glass.

Mr. Hunt said the sanctuary will initially seat 400. An additional 50 to 80 seats can be added at a later date by completing the balcony.

A seven-foot cross, rising from behind the altar table and in front of the choir, is the most striking feature inside the sanctuary.

The church school addition includes a nursery with seperate rooms for cribs and toddler children, five additional classrooms, and restrooms. Both of the new units are air-conditioned.

Architect for the new buildings is A. Wynn Howell and the contractor is Shannon Anderson, both of Lakeland.

The congregation pledged $68,000 in a three-year financial campaign conducted under the leadership of the General Board of Missions last year. Another three-year campaign is contemplated when this one is completed to help reduce the balance of the loan.

Florida Missionary Assigned to Japan

A Floridian, Miss Norma Judy Beatty of Frostproof, is one of 28 men and women who will leave the U. S. this fall to begin three years of special-term missionary service for the Methodist Church in 16 countries.

She has been assigned to Japan to do educational work, it was ennounced by the Methodist Board of Missions in New York, where she is presently being trained for overseas duty.

Miss Beatty, a member of First Church in Frostproof, received her A. B. degree in English at the University of Florida in June. She was vice president of the Wesley Foundation there and also active in the University Religious Association.

The new missionaries will bring to 825 the number of persons who have served in some 30 countries since the Methodist special-term program began in 1948.

St. Andrews Church Buys New Parsonage

St. Andrews Church, Ft. Lauderdale, has recently purchased a new parsonage. Located in a residential area served by the church it has a Florida room, patio, living and dining room and three bedrooms. Carpeting, drapes, room air conditioners and landscaping were included in the purchase price of $17,900.

Purchase of the home was made possible by the gift of a layman and the sale of the old parsonage. Trustee chairman was John E. Martin and parsonage committee chairman was Mrs. Kermit Ehly.

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Church Has 123 At First Service

The new Crystal Lake Church in Lakeland had 123 present July 1 at its first service, according to the Rev. Charles Courtoy. When Mr. Courtoy received the appointment at Annual Conference his charge consisted of nothing more than a vacant lot.

The church is presently meeting at the Crystal Lake Elementary School. The Lakeland District has secured four and one-half acres of land for its future home.

The church is receiving a big assist from First Church, Lakeland, which is supplementing the young minister's salary. It also provided the parsonage and furnished it.

The Sunday school of the new church was organized July 22. It is anticipated that the church will be organized on Sept. 16.

Church To Consider Expanding or Moving

A building committee elected at the last quarterly conference at College Heights Lakeland, is presently making a study on whether the church should purchase additional property at the present location for expansion and improvements or build a new church on another location.

The Rev. Eugene Rutland, Jr., pastor, announced in a recent bulletin that a special congregational meeting is planned this fall to give members an opportunity to express their views on the question.

The church is located a few blocks from Florida Southern College. It is on a narrow street and some feel it is difficult for newcomers to find it.

Churches Resettle 1,000 Cuban Refugees

Nearly 1,000 Cuban refugees have been flown from Miami on 13 charter "Flights in Freedom" to live and work in other cities across the United States, according t Church World Service, the relief and resettlement agency of the National Council of Churches.

"Someone mention my name?"

Service Features Work of Wesleys

Interbay Church, Tampa, began its observation of Aldersgate Year —the 225th anniversary of John Wesley's Aldersgate experience— with a "Charles Wesley Hymn Festival" and worship service built entirely around the work of the Wesleys.

The Rev. Charles Hutchins, pastor, said the order of worship was drawn up by Lane Roff Niemann, the church's choir director-organist.

Besides numerous hymns written by Charles Wesley, it included the music of Samuel Wesley and a scripture lesson taken from the work of John Wesley.

Conference Member Writes New Book

Kerygma, the Greek word for preaching the Gospel of Christ, provides the intriguing title for a new book by Dr. Claude H. Thompson, Emory University theologian and member of the Florida Conference.

In his book **Theology of the Kerygma, A Study in Primitive Preaching,** Mr. Thompson traces and describes the core of Apostolic preaching as found especially in the Book of Acts in the New Testament.

This analysis of Kerygmatic theology relates the proclamation of the Gospel in the early church to daily Christian living in subsequent generations. It reveals how the basic affirmations of first-century Christianity have revelance today.

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Theology School Dean To Speak At Pastors' School

The Rev. William F. Case, dean of St. Paul's School of Theology, Kansas City, Mo., will lecture on "The Theological and Philosophical Foundation of Church Administration," at the Florida Pastors School in October.

Mr. Case, a 1940 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan, took his bachelor of sacred theology degree at Boston University School of Theology in 1945, earned a master's degree at Columbia University in 1953.

Case

He is now a member of the Curriculum Committee of the Methodist Church and representative of this committee on the Cooperative Curriculum Project of the National Council of Churches. He is a delegate from the Methodist Church to the Assembly of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches and was a delegate to the White House Conference on Aging and served as chairman of the Task Force on Religion for the Missouri Committee preparing for the White House Conference.

Mr. Case has written a number of articles which appeared in **Religious Education, The Christian Advocate, The Church School** and is author of a chapter in the book **Religious Education,** edited by Marvin Taylor.

Information Sought On Pioneer Pastor

Information is needed concerning the Rev. John J. Wells, who lived from 1796 to 1866. He was a Methodist preacher around the Tampa area as well as county judge of Hillsborough County at the time of his death on June 6, 1866.

There is no record of this person in the archives of the Florida Methodist Conference housed at the E. T. Roux Library, Florida Southern College. Any information or pictures of Mr. Wells should be sent to Miss Oween Sumner, Librarian, Florida Southern College, Lakeland.

Book With Prayers For Peace Published

At Noon of Day, Prayers for Peace, is a book compiled by the world affairs ministry, Palma Ceia Church, Tampa.

It contains a scripture reading, a meditation and a prayer for each day for a month. Many of the articles were contributed by ministers of the Florida Conference.

It is suggested by the Rev. George G. Hill, minister of world affairs, that the book be used "at noon of day" because of the many people who habitually pray for peace at that time. "Also," states Mr. Hill, "the word 'noon' expresses something of the midpoint in human civilization that is represented by the peace/war problem in this age of nuclear power with its immense potentialities for human well-being or destruction."

The book may be purchased in quantities of one dozen for one dollar.

Births

July 20—A boy, Robert Edward Fisher, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Fisher, Stone Ridge, New York. Fisher is a student at Union Theological Seminary.

July 23—A boy, Farley Clarke Snell, to the Rev. and Mrs. Farley W. Snell, pastor of Cokesbury Church, Margate. The young man will be called Clarke.

August 3—A boy, Andrew Albert, to the Rev. and Mrs. Albert J. Rowell, Fort Orange Methodist Church.

CALENDAR

September 1-3—Family Life Conference at Leesburg Youth Camp.

September 5-6—Council on Children's Work, Lake Byrd Lodge, Avon Park.

September 11 — Branscomb Auditorium Building Committee, 10 a.m., at Florida Southern College, Lakeland.

September 11 — Conference Planning Commission, 2 p.m., Methodist Building, Lakeland.

September 11 - 12 — Florida Council of Churches Commission on Education, Lake Byrd Lodge, Avon Park.

September 12-13—Bishop Henley meets with the Cabinet, Lakeland.

September 21-23 — MYF Program Area Workshop.

September 23 — Rally Day in Church School.

September 23—World Service Sunday.

September 28-30—First session, Methodist Men's Conference, Leesburg Youth Camp.

September 30—Church School Sunday.

September 30—Florida Methodist Children's Home Sunday.

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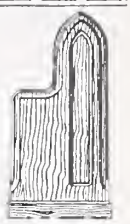

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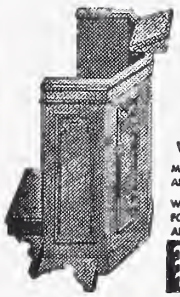

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Florida Has Biggest Percentage Of Methodists in U. S. Congress

Florida's Congressional delegation has a larger percentage of Methodists than any other state in the U. S. The latest Congressional Directory shows that seven of Florida's 10 Congressmen are Methodists.

Only Texas has more Methodists in Congress. Eight of the 24 Texas representatives are Methodists. The only states to come close to Florida in the proportion of Methodists in their delegation are our nearest neighbors. Alabama has six Methodists among its 11 representatives, and Georgia has six out of 10.

Methodists in the Florida delegation are Sen. Spessard Holland, Bartow; Sen. George Smathers, Miami; Rep. William C. Cramer, St. Petersburg; Rep. Bob Sikes, Crestview; Rep. A. Sydney Herlong, Jr., Leesburg; Rep. Paul G. Rogers, West Palm Beach; and Rep. James A. Haley, Sarasota.

The denominations of Florida's other Congressmen are Rep. Charles E. Bennett, Jacksonville, Disciples of Christ; Rep. D. R. (Billy) Matthews, Gainesville, Presbyterian; and Rep. Dante B. Fascell, Miami, "Protestant."

There are 97 Methodists in Congress, largest religious affiliation. Close behind are Roman Catholics with 96. The Methodists break down into 57 Democrats, largely from the South, and 36 Republicans. One of the Republicans is Rep. Cramer, Florida's sole GOP member of Congress.

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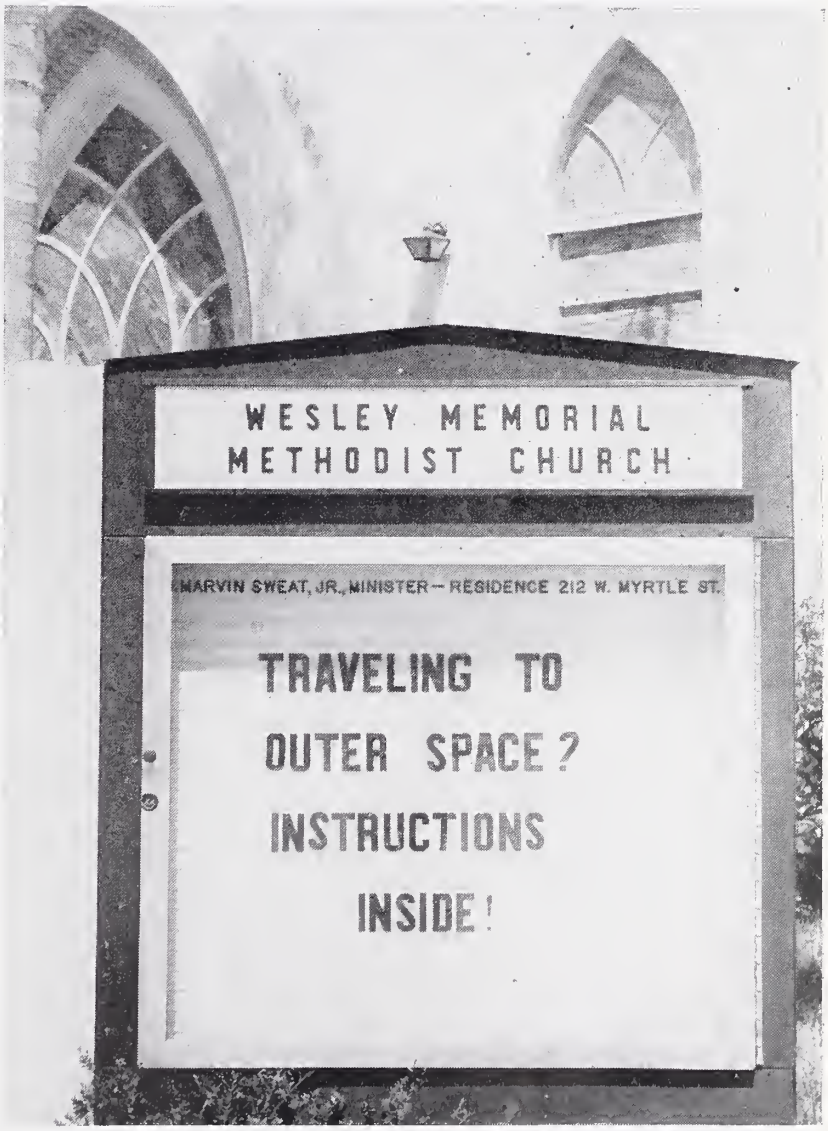

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The Bishop Calls—

Dear Readers of the Florida Methodist:

I spent a week at the Methodist Youth Camp during the summer and was thoroughly delighted with the atmosphere and the program. I don't believe a young person can attend one of our camps or assemblies without coming away deeply impressed. Many of our fine young men and women are committing their lives to full-time Christian service at Leesburg.

And the Laymen's Conferences are right around the corner. Here's something else in which we take justifiable satisfaction. The life of the entire church in Florida is enriched through the experiences of these 1,800 men who come apart for a weekend for prayer and meditation and study together. God bless the laymen.

One night last week I spent the night in a motel where the rooms and the halls were being painted and the furniture refurbished. When I stopped at the desk to check out, the manager apologized for any inconvenience and explained that he was getting ready for "the season." I understood. He was availing himself of the time when business was least pressing to make preparations for the months ahead.

Similar preparations should be made in all of our churches. The wise and the industrious minister has been working with his official board, his commissions and other church leaders — charting the programs of work and worship and evangelism with the utmost precision. Many things which God expects from us are never accomplished because we really never intended that they should be. We never planned for them. We never charted our course. We never marshaled our forces. We never prepared ourselves spiritually or intellectually.

The Communist governments of the world are capitalizing upon youth. It is their belief that their way of life can be firmly established if they can survive one generation during which they will have an opportunity of training the leaders for the future. It is a regretable fact that we have not been as wise in the building of the Kingdom of God. We cannot perform His will unless we know His purpose for us. Boys and girls must be thoroughly trained in the knowledge of the Scriptures and the significance of Christian living. We are not only responsible for the children of our own church families, but we must also go out into the highways and hedges. We must contrive ways to capture the attention of these boys and girls who are to be the leaders of tomorrow. Our problem of Christian worship and education for boys and girls and teenagers is determining right now what type of society we will have in Florida 20 years from now. I am praying that every minister in the Conference will summon his church leaders to cooperate with him in a crusade for youth.

Sunday night belongs to God. A dark church does not testify to this fact in the community. I want to express the appreciation of all Florida Methodists for the work that is being done in many of our churches in building youth programs and services of worship on Sunday nights which are really significant and meaningful. The Lord's Day is set aside for a purpose. More and more of our churches are confronting the problem of how to invest Sunday night best for the glory of God. Can we do this throughout the Conference?

It's been a busy and very happy summer for Mrs. Henley and me I hope it has been with you. We shall look forward to seeing you and worshipping with you during the months ahead.

JAMES W. HENLEY

AT LEESBURG—

Florida Pastor's School Offers Study, Relaxation and Worship

Study, relaxation and worship are the key ingredients to this year's Florida Pastor's School, Oct. 8-12, at the Leesburg Youth Camp. The Rev. Ralph B. Huston, dean, said this year's format will be much the same as last year's record-breaking school. Each morning will be devoted to speakers and workshops, afternoons will be free for recreation, and evenings to be reserved for worship.

Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, Sterling professor emeritus of missions and oriental history at Yale University, will deliver seven lectures under the general topic: "The Present Status of the Church from the Perspective of History."

Dr. William F. Case, dean of St. Paul's School of Theology, Kansas City, Mo., will have a series of four lectures on the subject: "A Christian's View of Local Church Administration."

"And Now A Word From Our Sponsor" will be the theme of five sermons by the Rev. David A. MacLennan, senior minister of Brick Presbyterian Church, Rochester, N. Y., and lecturer in homiletics and liturgics in Colgate's Rochester Divinity School. He will preach Monday through Thursday evening and Friday morning.

Bishop Henley will lead the worship service Monday night; the Rev. J. Wallace Hamilton, St. Petersburg, Tuesday night; the Rev. A. Dale Hagler, West Palm Beach, Wednesday night; Mr. Huston, South Miami, Thursday night; and the Rev. J. C. Rowan, Miami, Friday morning. Choirs from nearby churches will be secured by the Rev. Trall Heitzenrater, Clermont, who is in charge of music.

Four panel discussions will be held on practical parish problems. On Tuesday the topic will be "How Do You Relate to the Community." Panelists will be the Rev. Robert Blackburn, Jacksonville; the Rev. Fred Martin, Gainesville; the Rev. David Cathcart, Cocoa; and the Rev. Robert Chapman, Ft. Pierce.

The Wednesday panel topic will be "How Do You Conduct Communion Services." The panelists will be the Rev. John Hanger, Coral Gables; the Rev. Ray Finklea, Yulee; the Rev. Raymond Alley, Ocala; and Mr. Hamilton.

Thursday's panel topic is "How Do You Relate to People" with the Rev. George Foster, Miami; the Rev. Kenneth Rogers, Sarasota; the Rev. Caxton Doggett, Winter Park; and the Rev. Al Hedberg, Miami.

"How Do You Deal With Hot Social Issues" is the subject for a Friday morning panel featuring the Rev. Harold Buell, Tampa; the Rev. Walter Rutland, St. Petersburg; the Rev. George Harper, Tampa; and Mr. Hagler.

In encouraging attendance of all Florida ministers at the pastor's school, Bishop Henley said:

"The pastor's school is a period of study and a period of fellowship. Because of this, a good pastor's school enriches the brotherhood within the conference and lays the foundation for more effective Christian service. Last year our attendance at this school was exceptionally fine. This year it should be better.

"We are striving toward that time when every minister who can possibly do so will arrange his schedule to be on hand for the entire week. Our lay people are urged to encourage their ministers to attend. This is not another vacation. It is an intensive period composed of worship, lectures, reading and discussion. Whatever the size of the congregation, its minister will profit by the pastor's school. Do plan to have your minister attend."

Latourette

Huston

MacLennan

Case

Brewster Hospital Commended for Aid

Brewster Hospital, Jacksonville, was commended in the September issue of **The Methodist Woman** for outstanding service rendered to the community.

In May nearly 100 pupils, teachers and parents of the Pine Forest Elementary School, victims of food poisoning, were given adequate treatment in less than three hours. Without a well-trained staff and a good hospital, a major disaster could have occurred.

Brewster Hospital received personal letters from Mr. Ish Brant, superintendent, and the Board of Public Instruction of Duval County, expressing gratitude and admiration for the efficient and dedicated services of the staff.

EARLY CHURCH MEMBERS WORE WORK CLOTHES

Labor Day Sunday at Grace Church, Miami, was a repeat of history. Worshipers came dressed, not in their usual church attire, but in house dresses and aprons, uniforms and overalls.

This is how it was at the first Labor Day Sunday service in Miami, Sept. 3, 1893, at Lemon City Church, Miami's first church, now renamed Grace Methodist.

Most of the people attending that service were homesteaders, hunters, trappers, fishermen, spongers and their women folk who wore their working clothes because they could afford no others, according to Joseph Faus, a local historian who is a member of Grace.

"They had God with them in field and town and on farm and boat, and they became his colaborers," Mr. Faus said. "It is this heritage of daily Christian practice and precept that is the spiritual foundation of the present Dade County and its 400 or so churches."

Highlight of the service was a panel discussion by seven lay men and women on the theme of "We serve God by Serving Others."

Mrs. Betty Yates is chairman of the commission on Christian social concerns which sponsored the service.

Mississippi Hit by Tolle 'Invasion' As Brothers Return in Rolls Royce

"Three Tolle Brothers Invade Mississippi."

So read a headline in Jackson, Miss., *Clarion-Ledger* as three well known Florida Methodists arrived at their native state's capital in a $28,000 burgundy-colored Rolls Royce automobile — once the personal car of another who seemed to make news wherever she went, H.R.H. Princess Margaret. Significantly, the owner of the car is the one brother who decided to become a physician rather than a Methodist minister.

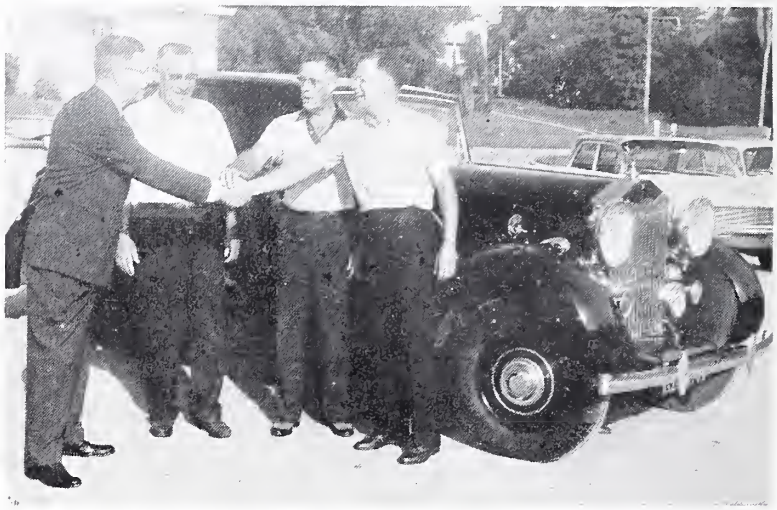
Making the trip were the Rev. Joe A. Tolle, DeLand District Superintendent; the Rev. Corning Tolle, director of alumni and community affairs at Florida Southern College, and Dr. Robert Tolle, an Orlando physician and surgeon. The trio left the campus of Florida Southern College on August 17 to visit the towns and churches where their father, the Rev. Harry Fisk Tolle, preached in their youth.

Included on their itinerary were the Mississippi cities of Jackson, Lake, Newton, Biloxi, and Laurel. The brothers also detoured into Alabama to visit the grave of former Florida Conference Bishop John Branscomb.

Throngs crowded around the Rolls Royce wherever they went, and their stops at the Mississippi towns were covered thoroughly by the newspapers. It was not the first time that the three brothers received statewide recognition, however. As youths they were the first three Eagle Scouts in Mississippi — an achievement even reported in the **New York Times.**

One of the highlights of the trip was in Jackson, where Robert used his gleaming automobile (25 coats of paint to assure perfection) to deliver an afternoon paper route he had traveled as a boy in a horse-and-buggy. An old-timer in Jackson even dug up a picture of that horse-and-buggy, which ran in the paper along with the picture of the Tolles and their automobile.

The only mishap on the entire trip was a flat tire. And this could hardly be considered unfortunate. How else could they have used the button on the dash which controls hydraulic jacks used to position the car for tire-changing without movement of a muscle?



President Charles T. Thrift (left) of Florida Southern College bids farewell to the three Tolle brothers (from left, Corning, Joe and Robert) as they leave the Florida Southern College campus for a return to their native state in a Rolls Royce automobile. The three brothers are all graduates of Florida Southern.

NEW PRESIDENT

Mrs. Standley Biedron is the newly elected president of the Miami Latin Center Board. She succeeds Dr. Harold Buell.

11 Pastors Attend Course-of-Study

Eleven Florida Conference ministers were among 250 attending the annual Approved Course-of-Study School at Emory University's Candler School of Theology this summer.

The school presents a course of study required of Methodist ministers who do not go to a school of theology. Many of the ministers attending are men who have given up successful careers in business or professions to become ministers.

Attending this year were: Paul R. Bell, Orlando; Howard R. Finkell, Wellborn; Fred W. Foster, Enterprise; Samuel H. Fountain, Micanopy; Thomas C. Geyer, Jacksonville; Homer R. Lenhart, DeBary; Morris R. Olive, Trilby; Louis E. Patmore, Carrabelle; Walter L. Prater, Tallahassee; Eric B. Roberts, Orlando; and Paul D. Swisher, Pinetta.

Youth Groups Plan Unusual Activities

Two St. Petersburg churches had rather unusual features in their Youth Activities Weeks.

Youth of Christ Church wrote and produced a drama, "Windows of Time" which tells the story of the disciples, early church leaders, and early American Methodists. Youth leaders responsible for the production are Carl Mostellar, Sarah Melton, Fran Spaduzzi and Dale Foster.

A special event of the Seminole Church youth week was a trip to Rosa Valdez and Wolff Settlements in Tampa, where they took boxes of needed articles.

Assumes New Post

The Rev. Luis Diaz de Arce has assumed his duties as director of Christian education at First Church, Bartow, and as a faculty member of Florida Southern College. Mr. de Arce has served as an associate pastor at Starke for the past year.

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Florida Conference Leads U. S. Methodism's 'Advance'

The Florida Conference ranks No. 1 in Methodism's advance through Advance Specials.

The September issue of **The Methodist Story,** church program journal, shows the Florida Conference first in both General (world national missions, MCOR) and Conference (church extension, educational specials, etc.) Advance Specials.

The publication credits the Florida Conference with $480,070 given to General Advance Specials and $850,662 to Conference Advance Specials.

(These figures are slightly higher than the official figures in the **Journal** of the Florida Conference, but not enough to change Florida's top ranking. The **Journal** figures are $475,633 for General Advance Specials—up $47,754 from 1960-61—and $830,963 for Conference Advance Specials—up $43,124 from 1960-61.)

The second-ranking conference in General Advance Specials was Virginia with $406,635. Second in Conference Advance Specials was Southern California-Arizona with $536,576.

Florida's No. 1 position in both categories is the conference's "customary place," according to the Rev. C. M. Cotton, conference missionary secretary. He contended that the conference must raise its sights by $400,000 to reach a $1.7 million Advance Special goal this year.

The conference ranked well, but not at the top, among those conferences who surpassed their apportionment for World Service — Methodism's basic benevolence fund.

The Florida Conference exceeded its $320,309 World Service apportionment by $9,151 this year, one of 36 conferences to do so. The conference ranked 9th among those exceeding their apportionments. Leaders in this category (and the amount with which they exceeded their apportionment) were: South Carolina, $64,500; Minnesota, $44,233 and Northeastern Ohio, $34,071.

Florida also ranked among the leaders in two other important offerings. The conference ranked second in contributions for the Fellowship of Suffering and Service (Worldwide Communion Sunday and other Communion offerings) with $30,329, behind Virginia with $36,270.

The Florida Conference ranked third among the conferences in contributions for the One Great Hour of Sharing. Mississippi ranked first with $30,130; Western North Carolina, $25,671 and Florida $22, 923.

BENEVOLENCE GIVING—

HOW DO WE RANK?

(Among 98 U. S. Annual Conferences, 1961 - 1962)

General Advance Specials (World and National Missions, MCOR, Cuban offering)	1st
Conference Advance Specials (Church Extension, Branscomb Auditorium, Educational Specials, etc.)	1st
Fellowship of Suffering and Service (Worldwide Communion Sunday, other Communion offerings)	2nd
One Great Hour of Sharing (April 1)	3rd
Amount Exceeding World Service Apportionment	9th

Chapel Offering Exceeds $12,000

A total of $12,752.85 was received last February from the special offering taken throughout the conference for the Gilbert-Lambuth Chapel at Paine College in Augusta, Georgia.

A breakdown of Districts is as follows: DeLand, $759.95; Gainesville, $428.56; Jacksonville, $1328.-08; Lakeland, $1120.10; Miami, $1121.89; Orlando, $2704.69; St. Petersburg, $2252.20; Sarasota, 779.18; Tallahassee, $344.58; Tampa, $558.48 and West Palm Beach, $1355.05.

The Gilbert-Lambuth Chapel is named in memory of Bishop Walter R. Lambuth and Dr. John W. Gilbert, Paine's first graduate and first Negro faculty member, who set out together 50 years ago to bring Christianity to the Central Congo. They established a mission from which the whole Methodist effort in the Congo stemmed.

During the Golden Anniversary Year of this missionary venture, churches of the Southeastern Jurisdiction have been asked to raise $250,000 for the memorial chapel.

TRAFCO Plans New 'Breakthru' Series

The executive committee of the Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFCO) has approved the production of a second series of 'Breakthru' children's television programs as funds are available. The action was taken at a recent meeting in New York.

'Breakthru' is aimed especially at nine-to-eleven-year-olds but has been widely acclaimed as a program with appeal for the entire family. The first series, released in February, is now running on 18 stations throughout the country, and approximately 30 communities are preparing for showing the series.

Bible Distribution Increases 20 Per Cent

A 20 per cent increase in overseas distribution of the Scriptures for the second consecutive year—much of it in areas of political tension — was reported at the recent 146th annual meeting of the American Bible Society in New York.

The demand for the Bible rises dramatically during periods of political unrest, according to the annual report of the society's board of managers. They noted that Cuba and the Congo were cases in point.

Last year the society distributed more than 24 million copies of scriptures in this country and in over 100 other countries. It was the largest annual total since the society was founded in 1816. More than 11 million were sent overseas.

LETTERS—

Implications of Court's Prayer Decision Considered Dangerous

Editor:

I have just noted your editorial in the July issue of the **Florida Methodist** pertaining to the Supreme Court decision in the New York case, which has received much publicity throughout the country.

Many have referred to the decision as a decision by the Supreme Court to abolish God from the public schools of our nation. While I would not be so irrational as to make such a statement, nevertheless the implication is there.

I am surprised that the Methodist publication in the State of Florida would publish an editorial such as you published. Undoubtedly, the great majority of the Methodists in the state are not in accord with the decision of the Supreme Court, and it would seem to me that this publication, attempting to speak for Methodism, would have had a strong editorial in support of the teaching of religious principles, not only in the schools, but in every walk of life.

RAY M. EARNEST
Miami

FREEDOM ASSURED

Editor:

Surely some of our brother Methodists have an erroneous understanding of the nature of the U. S. Supreme Court decision about prayer in public schools...I have searched through the entire decision to find any prohibition of prayer in public schools and I find no such prohibition. What is prohibited is the prescription of a prayer for schools by a state or any other governmental agency. As far as prayer in schools is concerned, that will continue as local communities and teachers desire.

As constitutional lawyers expressed themselves publicly, three of whom appeared on TV recently, all agreed that the court could not make any other decision in the case that came before them dealing with a prayer formulated and prescribed for the schools of New York by the board of regents of the state.

I can hardly conceive of our bishops, our ministers or many of our members desiring that they be required to use prayers prescribed by the state of Florida, or the State Board of Education or by the federal government.

It is the writer's hope that this matter can be better understood and that our freedom of religion thus assured. That is what the decision has done.

A. R. MEAD
Gainesville

Vacation Program At Tamiami Church Aided by Others

Tamiami Church, Miami, held its first Vacation Church School in several years this summer with two out of three of those participating being Cuban refugee children.

The Rev. Gordon N. Craig, pastor, said need for the school arose as a result of the rapidly changing community in which there is a growing number of Cuban children and youth.

Assisting the church with the school were First Church, Coral Gables, and Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg. The youth staff was composed of Daisy Garcia, a member of the Spanish American Church, Miami, and a recent graduate of Dade County Junior College and Barry Neill, a member of the Pasadena Church and a student at Pfiffer College.

Cuban youngsters were presented English-Spanish New Testaments, gifts of the American Bible Society, and the children each contributed a penny a day to send Gospels to a leprosarium in Liberia.

Hialeah Men's Club Honors Ben Shepard

A life membership in the Methodist Men was awarded to Ben Shepard by the Methodist Men of First Church, Hialeah, in recognition of his devotion and service.

Mr. Shepard is a member of the Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns; treasurer of the Biscayne Methodist Home; a member of the board of directors of Wesley Foundation at the University of Miami; and presently is serving as chairman of the official board of Hialeah Church.

CHURCH and WORLD

By GEORGE HILL
Minister of World Affairs
Palma Ceia Church, Tampa

(Editor's Note—The Rev. George Hill, writes a weekly column in question-and-answer form in the Palma Ceia bulletin. Starting with this issue, the **Florida Methodist** will reprint some of these columns for its readers. The columns are also distributed by Mr. Hill through post cards. Those wishing to get on the mailing list for the weekly column may write to Palma Ceia Methodist Church, Dale Mabry Highway at Bay-to-Bay Boulevard, Tampa 9, Florida.)

QUESTION — Why don't Christian ministers get off these social issues and tend to their primary business of saving souls?

ANSWER — "Saving a man's soul" means bring him into harmony with the purposes of God. To do this intelligently, we must ask, "What kind of God are we talking about?"

Now it is quite clear from the Bible that the Lord God, made known to us there, is intensely concerned for that which happens in this His world. One could imagine a "god" solely concerned with a "spiritual" or emotional transaction between himself and his people — other religions have such "gods" — but such is simply not the God of the Bible. It would not be too far wrong to say that the main message of the Old Testament is that God is not to be bribed by piousness, but is only to be pleased by a man's dedication to labor for those things for which He, God, is deeply concerned. This means social action.

This is one strain of Old Testament teaching that Jesus did not contradict; in fact he strengthened it. This is why the conventionally-religious people of His day hated Him enough to kill him. They wanted a cheap, selfish religion and He would not give it to them.

When I can help a person to find a way to do something for world peace, I feel I have helped God to save that person's soul.

IN SARASOTA DISTRICT—

3 'Retired' Ministers Organizing New Churches

By HENRY W. BLACKBURN
Executive Secretary
Of Church Extension

In the true Wesleyan tradition, three retired Methodist ministers are demonstrating the fact that the spirit of a man can be reborn in them as they struggle to give birth to new churches in the Sarasota District. The evangelistic zeal and administrative genius of the founder of Methodism is being expressed by the Rev. Royal Page, a retired supply of the Florida Conference, at Cape Coral, Bradenton; the Rev. A. A. Soldner, a retired minister from West Wisconsin, at North Port Charlotte; and the Rev. E. D. Richard, a retired member of the Detroit Conference, who is serving in Harbor Heights.

These experienced itinerants have spent the summer months visiting in the homes of the people, conducting worship services in different types of temporary sanctuaries, and preparing newcomers in our state to become charter members of Methodist churches in three growing communities on our West Coast. The Rev. Harry H. Waller, district superintendent, will preside at the organizing conference for Harbor Heights on Oct. 14, Cape Coral on Oct. 21, and North Port Charlotte on Nov. 18.

Still Ring Doorbells

Normandy Village, Jacksonville, has a pastor who has made 1,000 calls during mid-summer, and his efforts have been rewarded with 100 interested families, most of them Methodists, who expect to begin worshipping in the Normandy Village Elementary School on Oct. 7. A splendid church site, in the center of 1,300 new homes, has already been provided through the foresight and industry of district officials, and it is expected that a fine new church will be formally organized during this calendar year. The Rev. William Rhoads is the pastor, and the Rev. Milburn McLeod the district superintendent.

New Church Sites

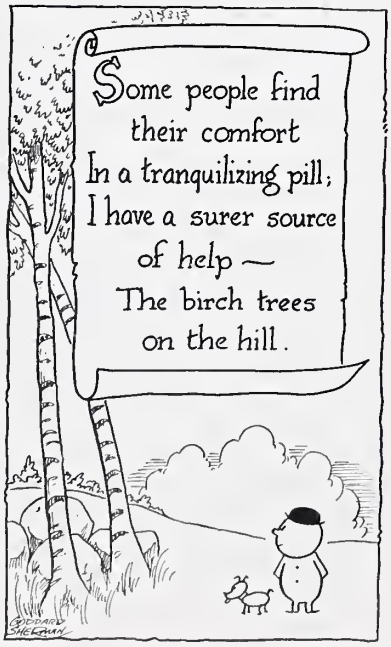
In addition to the sites recently reported, the following pieces of property have been secured through the service of alert district superintendents and generous and cooperative laymen and pastors: A five-acre site near the new Presbyterian College in southwestern St. Petersburg, at a cost of $33,500; a four-acre site at Oak Hill, in the greater Cape Canaveral section, at a cost of $75 per front foot, on U. S. Hwy. 1, and a site in St. Augustine Beach, in the DeLand District; sites in Harbor Heights, East Naples, Sebring Country Estates, and Vamo, in the Sarasota District; and a six-acre site on State Hwy. 15A in the eastern limits of Orlando.

Fire Hall Is Used

The first church to be formally organized during this conference year made use of a fire hall for its services and organizing conference. The Indian River City Church was established on July 1, with 100 persons present, under the leadership of the Rev. Emerald Dixon, pastor, and the Rev. Bruce F. Gannaway, district superintendent.

This church was formed under very favorable circumstances and gives promise of unusual success. With the encouragement of the Rev. E. W. Norman, pastor of First Church, Titusville, 70 members of this church were commissioned to go from the "mother church" and join with other people in the community to form the charter membership of the young church. Then it will be remembered that this growing town is in the heart of the mushrooming Cape Canaveral area of our state.

The Sunny Soul



Church in Limelight

Board of Missions officials of the several conferences in the Southeastern Jurisdiction were asked to report at the closing session of the missionary conference at Lake Junaluska this summer on an outstanding young church in each conference. The church cited in the Florida Conference was the Hollywood Hills Church in the Miami District, where the Rev. Amos L. Boren is pastor. This church, less than four years old, has 728 members, 438 in the Sunday School, property valued at $260,000 and pays a salary of $8,000. It has been liberal in the support of World Service and Advance Specials, and is worthy of special recognition.

Board Acquires Parsonage

The Conference Board of Missions and Church Extension has had a full-time executive at different times during the past 40 years, but the office has been discontinued periodically. The Rev. Ira S. Patterson held this office in the twenties, the Rev. O. E. Rice in the forties, and the Rev. R. C. Holmes has just completed a five year term of splendid service in which this executive position was revived. Perhaps if this office had never been discontinued we would not be paying up to $50,000 for church sites today! It is the opinion of the present Board of Missions that the time will never come when this conference will not need a full-time man to give counsel in the field of church, parsonage, and education building construction, purchasing of church sites, organizing new churches, and church extension in general.

Upon recommendation of the Cabinet, and the approval and encouragment of the Commission on World Service and Finance, the Board of Missions and Church Extension has just purchased an attractive residence at 1917 Camphor Drive, Lakeland, as a parsonage for its full-time staff member, and it is to be commended for its action.

The house is a three bedroom, two bath, concrete block structure, with a large living room and Florida room. It is just four years old, and is located on a beautiful street shaded by camphor trees, on a lot 100x150 feet, with a number of orange trees.

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2 Florida Women Attend Conference

Mrs Howard V Weems, Sebring, and Mrs. J. Ben Stalvey, Miami, attended the Southeastern Regional Leadership Training Conference of the Methodist Student Movement in Lake Junaluska August 23-30. Mrs. Stalvey is Secretary of Student Work for the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society and Mrs. Weems is a member of the Committee on Student Work of the Woman's Division.

Mrs. Weems expects to be in New York City September 17-27 for meetings of the executive committees of the Woman's Division and Board of Missions, and a meeting of the committee on organization and promotion of the Woman's Division.

US-2 Misionary Completes Term

Miss Faye Buck, US-2, serving for the past two years as program assistant at the Miami Latin Center, has completed her term of service and is entering the branch of the University of Georgia located at Statesboro in preparation for a teaching career. Just before the end of her term, Miss Buck was entertained at a luncheon at the Dupont Plaza Hotel; and upon her departure, gifts were presented to her by members of the Latin Center Board and the executive committee of the Miami District Woman's Society.

Miss Beatty To Sail For Japan Next Month

Miss Norma Judy Beatty of Frostproof has been accepted by the Woman's Division as a short term missionary. She is expected to sail in October for three years in Japan, and is now in the Orientation Center for Missionaries at Stony Point, N. Y.

RETREAT PLANNED

The Miami District Wesleyan Service Guild will hold a spiritual life retreat Oct. 13-14 at DiLido Hotel, Miami Beach.

FIRST ROUNDUP OF CIRCLE Y

IN DELAND DISTRICT—

Experimental Youth Circles Join Together for 'Roundup'

Fifty-five teenage girls and 11 adult advisors came together at First Church, New Smyrna Beach, for the first Roundup of Circle Y—a circle for girls age 12-21 in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. This is a pilot study being conducted in the DeLand District. Seven churches were represented: Trinity, DeLand; First, New Smyrna; St. James, Palatka; Community, Daytona Beach; First, St. Augustine; Hastings; and Enterprise.

Reports were given by the circles on their activities since their organization in February. Mrs. George Carlton, conference secretary of missionary personnel, was guest speaker. The devotional was given by the hostess circle, and recreation was under the leadership of Miss June Norman, director of Christian education, First Church, St. Augustine.

Since this is an experimental project, it remains to be seen how long it may be continued, but the enthusiasm of the girls indicates that they hope it is the first of many such annual meetings.

28 Volunteers Join Special-Term Missionary Force

The Methodist Church's own "peace corps" — the special-term missionary force — will be strengthened this fall with the arrival of 16 young women and 12 young men on mission fields in 16 countries of Africa, Asia and South America.

The 28 new missionaries, who will serve three years each, will bring to 825 the number of persons who have served in more than 30 countries since the special-term program was begun in 1948. The type of work which the special-term missionaries do is similar to that of the much-publicized Peace Corps, though Methodist and other missionaries were doing such work for several years before the Peace Corps came into being.

The countries to which the missionaries will go are: Malaya, Sarawak, Chile, Brazil, Pakistan, Korea, the Philippines, Japan, Algeria, India, Bolivia, Uruguay, Peru, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Argentina.

SCHEDULE LISTED—

Studies Presented at District Seminars

The authorized studies for 1962-63, including the church-wide study, "The Arm of Compassion: Methodism's Ministry to the Handicapped," are being presented in seminars by the district Woman's Societies of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds during September and October.

The prescribed study areas for the Woman's Division are: The Church's Mission and Persons of Special Need (home missions); The Christian Mission on the Rim of East Asia (world missions); Today's Children for Tomorrow's World (Christian social relations); and Prayer (spiritual life).

Following are the dates and times of the district seminars and the churches where they will be held:

DeLand—WSCS, Sept. 12, Ormond Beach, First; 9:30 a.m. (reigstration). WSG, Sept. 9, Palatka, St. James; 2:30 p.m.

Gainesville — WSCS, Sept. 13, Gainesville, First; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (registration, 9:30 a.m.) WSG, Sept. 16, Gainesville, First; 2 p.m.

Jacksonville — WSCS, Sept. 26; Jacksonville, Southside; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. WSG, Sept. 25, Jacksonville, Southside; 6:30 p.m.

Lakeland—WSCS, September 13, Zephyrhills, 9:30 a.m. (registration, 9 o'clock). WSCS, Oct. 1, Bartow, 9:30 a.m. (registration, 9 o'clock). WSG. Sept. 16, Leesburg, Morrison Memorial; 2 p.m.

Miami — WSCS, Sept. 19, North Hialeah, 9:30-noon (registration, 9 o'clock). Home and foreign mission studies only. The Rev. A. E. Purviance, pastor, Palm Springs Church, will present church-wide study. WSCS, Jan. 16, 1963—Christian Social Relations and Spiritual Life studies. WSG, Sept. 21, Coral Gables, First; supper, 6:15 p.m.

Orlando—Not given.

Sarasota — WSCS, Sept. 26, Punta Gorda, 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; WSCS, Sept. 27, Avon Park, 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mrs. C. Durward Johnson, conference vice president, guest speaker.

St. Petersburg — WSCS, Sept, 12, Spring Lake. Sept. 14, St. Petersburg, First.

Tallahassee — WSCS, Sept. 12, Sardis, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Sept. 19, Greensboro, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. WSG, September 9, Havana.

Tampa — WSCS, Sept. 14, Tampa, Hyde Park; 9:30 a.m. (registration, 9 o'clock). Guest speakers: The Rev. Harold Buell, pastor, Hyde Park, Prayer; the Rev. Jiles Kirkland, pastor, Manhattan Ave., church-wide study. WSG, Sept. 18, Tampa, Oak Grove; 7:30 p.m. Guest speakers: Mrs. Stanley Horne, Mrs. Glenn Knox, Mrs. B. F. Shaw and Mrs. Wade Sconyers.

West Palm Beach — WSCS, Sept. 16, Vero Beach, First; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (registration, 9:30). Sept. 13, West Palm Beach, Wagg Memorial; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (registration, 9:30). W.S.G., Sept. 9, Okeechobee, 2-4:30 p.m.

Four secretaries of student work—from local to jurisdiction level — all reside in the Miami area. Three of them are members of Bryan Memorial Church. They are (from left) Mrs. W. L. Fitzgerald, local secretary at Bryan Memorial; Mrs. G. W. Anderson, Miami District secretary; Mrs. Roudenbush, Florida Conference secretary; and Mrs. J. Ben Stalvey, Southeastern Jurisdiction secretary.

FOUR IN MIAMI AREA—

Secretaries of Student Work Abound at Bryan Memorial

Bryan Memorial Church, Miami, is in an unusual position because it has within its congregation three secretaries of student work at different levels in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. G. W. Anderson, district secretary, in official position is sandwiched between Mrs. J. Ben Stalvey who is secretary for the Southeastern Jurisdiction, and Mrs. W. L. Fitzgerald, Jr., Coral Gables, who is local secretary for Bryan Memorial.

Not far away, in Hialeah, is Mrs. H. G. Roudenbush, secretary of student work for the Florida conference.

All four of these women have one object: Providing a "link between campus and church." Birthday cards and cookies go out along with religious booklets. There is a note with a pat on the back when college grades are good and a word of motherly advice at times about problems young people may find it hard to discuss with mother. Letters reach out from the home church to students in many states and young service men around the world.

The secretaries say: "We want the church to be an anchor for them spiritually; we want to give them something to hold on to without feeling they are held tight and bound."

OUTSTANDING LEADERS—

10 Workshop Topics Featured At Methodist Men's Conferences

Ten workshops on a wide variety of interests will be among the features of the three Methodist Men's Conferences this fall.

Topics covered and the leaders are (weekends numbered when leaders change during the three conferences):

Methodist Church Organization: Edd W. Gentry, Jacksonville; **Christian Witnessing**—(1) Walter F. Anderson, North Carolina; (2) the Rev. James S. Jones, Eau Gallie; (3) James I. Jones, Miami; **Methodist Men and Stewardship**—Dr. Gilbert Stout, General Board of Lay Activities; **Training Lay Speakers**—Ralph Poston, Miami; **Prayer and Spiritual Growth**—Dr. Thomas A. Carruth, Atlanta; **Church Lay Leader**—(1) James I. Jones, Miami; (2) Clare N. Pettit, California; (3) H. Owen De Weese, Indiana; **Church Literature**—the Rev. George M. Curry, Methodist Publishing House; **Missions** — the Rev. E. J. Pendergrass, Orlando; **Know The Bible**—(1-3) Dr. Charles Laymon, Florida Southern College; (2) Dr. Jack Cook, Florida Southern College; **Building New Churches**—(1-3) the Rev. Robert J. Holmes, Tallahassee, and (2) the Rev. Henry W. Blackburn, Lakeland.

The Leesburg Youth Camp is booked to capacity for the three weekends—Sept. 28-30, Oct. 5-7 and Oct. 12-14. However, accommodations at nearby motels and restaurants are available for those who still wish to attend the meetings.

Speaking at all three of the conferences will be Bishop Henley, Mr. Carruth, director of the Spiritual Life Movement of the E. Stanley Jones Foundation; and Jose Blanco, who will discuss the Cuba situation.

A different guest Methodist bishop and an outstanding lay leader will be featured each weekend. Another feature common to all three weekends is an address on new churches given by either Mr. Holmes, former conference executive secretary of church extension, or Mr. B lackburn, the present executive secretary.

Glenn Draper of Miami, popular song leader of past conferences, will again lead the singing. He will be accompanied on two pianos by Ray McDonough, another veteran of past conferences, and Bill Spivey from Florida Southern College.

Baptist Minister Joins Church Staff

A Baptist minister has been engaged by Kendall Church, Miami, as a pastoral assistant. He is the Rev. R. L. Knowles, former pastor of the Baptist Church in Alachua.

The Rev. Fred E. Stinson, pastor, said Mr. Knowles will do special work in pastoral assistance and in the Christian education program of Kendall Church. He plans to become a member of the Florida Annual Conference next June.

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Leprosy Colony Has Many Needs

Bishop Henley recently received a letter from the Robert Neills, College of West Africa, Monrovia, Liberia. Following are some excerpts from the letter.

"It is difficult to find words to express our love and thanks to friends North and South and to those we came to know in North Carolina. After leaving Durham for Florida and comissioning we found joy in our visit to Waldo and Worthington. In St. Petersburg - Clearwater area we saw old friends at Pasadena Church and met many new ones at Lakewood, Skycrest and Friendship churches.

"The Leprosy Colony makes one's heart ache—so many needs! —chapel; isolation ward; school; and agricultural, educational and vocational missionaries. The children, all ages, are in need of clothing, as well as the men and women. The school class at the colony will have 45 children and there is a need for school supplies —paper, pencils, crayons, reading books and some day a building.

"There is a supply of bandages on hand now; however, there is a need for girls and women hospital gowns (white) and for men and boys white shirts with collar removed, short sleeves hemmed and ties on front. Good used sheets could be made into pajama bottoms. Many times babies leave the hospital with nothing but an old rag wrapped about them, so receiving blankets could be made out of light weight summer blankets cut in four and hemmed. Or individual layettes, simply made up, with diaper, shirt, pins, soap and blanket would be a great help. The school children at the boarding school come without pajamas and the girls all need under pants.

"Small boxes of the above (not weighing over 22 pounds and sent parcel post, as well as small boxes of games, toys, story books and dolls for use of children patients could be sent to us for distribution. Anything sent for the children's Christmas should be mailed by early October. Gifts of money can be sent by check directly to us. If sent to the Board of Missions in N. Y. It should be clearly marked on the check 'for Neills Equipment Fund.'

"Many of you have asked to help with the needs here. These are some of the opportunities we see upon arrival.

Breaking ground for the new parsonage for Clearview Church, St. Petersburg, are (left to right) Hubert H. Hoke, building committee member; the Rev. Hoyt Tatum, district superintendent; Ed Woodstuff, president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship; the Rev. Clarence W. Whitley, pastor of Clearview Church; Arthur DeWaele, Sr., president of the Methodist Men; Olin L. Todd, general contractor for the construction; Mrs. J. Fred Stiles, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; Claude L Vandervort, general contractor for the new construction; William L. Fondren, Church Lay Leader; Charles J. Mohler, chairman of the church's board of trustees; and Albert Poole, secretary of the building committee.

AT CLEARVIEW—

New Parsonage Underway

Clearview Church, St. Petersburg, broke ground for a new parsonage on July 19. When completed the parsonage will be valued at $25,000. Constructed of stucco concrete and white brick, the house will be completely air-conditioned and all-electric.

The parsonage is the first phase of the new expansion program. Also included in the plans is an additional educational building and a new sanctuary on the present church property. Construction on the parsonage is scheduled for completion during October.

Observers Selected For Vatican Council

The names of three delegate-observers and six alternates to represent Methodism at the Second Vatican Council in Rome are:

Bishop Fred P. Corson, president of the World Methodist Council, Dr. Harold Roberts, Richmond College, Surrey, England, and Dr. Albert C. Outler, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, are the delegate-observers.

Alternates are: Professor Franz Hildebrandt, Drew University Theological School; Dean Robert E. Cushman, Duke University Divinity School; the Rev. Max Woodward, minister of Wesley Chapel, London; the Rev. Reginald Kissack, British Methodist pastor in Rome; Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, American Secretary of the World Methodist Council; and the Rev. Philip A. Potter, executive secretary of the British Methodist Missionary Society for West Africa and the Caribbean.

CALENDAR

September 23 — Rally Day in Church School.

September 23—World Service Sunday.

September 28-30—First session, Methodist Men's Conference, Leesburg Youth Camp.

September 30—Church School Sunday.

September 30—Florida Methodist Children's Home Sunday.

Sept. 30 - Oct. 7 — Christian Education Week.

Oct. 5-7—Second session, Methodist Men's Conference, Leesburg Youth Camp.

Oct. 7—Worldwide Communion Sunday

Oct. 8-12— Florida Pastor's School at Leesburg Youth Camp.

Oct. 12-14—Third session, Methodist Men's Conference, Leesburg Youth Camp

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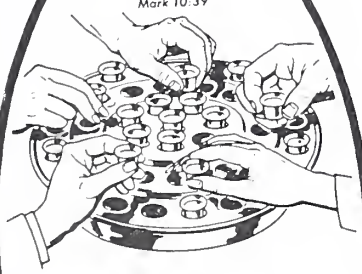
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FELLOWSHIP OF SUFFERING AND SERVICE

9 FSC Students Get Scholarships

National Methodist Scholarships, totaling $4,500, have been awarded to nine Florida Southern College students for the 1962-63 academic year.

More than 5,000 such scholarships, financed by an annual church-wide offering on Methodist Student Day, have been granted by the board since the program was started in 1945.

The Florida Southern recipients are:

Sue Pepper Albritton, Lakeland; Ann Alexander, Coral Gables, William Douglas Fletcher, Pompano Beach; Betty Jonalyn Hill, Nokomis; Gordon Wm. Jacobs, Frostproof; Joyce Ann Lehman, Jacksonville; Lorraine McKittrick, Ft. Pierce; Patricia Anne Parsons, Sebastian, and Sharon Jane Spahr, Fairborn, Ohio.

Deaths

The Rev. George Smith Owen

The Rev. George Smith Owen, 80, died August 11 in Wabasso where he had lived for 18 years. He was a local elder in the Methodist Church and had served the Wabasso Church before his retirement eight years ago. Prior to that time he served pastorates in Miami, Mayo and Pinecastle. He began his public ministry at the age of 19, and united with the Methodist Church in 1938. He was active in the civic life of Wabasso, serving as secretary of the chamber of commerce from its inception and as treasurer of the Wabasso Civic Club. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Pearl Owen, Wabasso, and three daughters, a son, a brother and sister, all living outside of Florida. He had nine grandsons and four great-grandchildren.

RIVERSIDE PARK NAMES MINISTER OF EDUCATION

The Rev. Omar Fink has joined the staff of the Riverside Park Church, Jacksonville, as minister of education. For the past five years Mr. Fink has served as pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Umtali, Southern Rhodesia. He was an instructor for classes in scripture in the government school and conference director of Christian education.

Me And My Bible

By MRS. ED FERRELL

My mama raised seven children. She also raised most of the vegetables we ate. Most of the time the laundry was done at home, an "automatic" washing machine and dryer. We were blessed with plenty of kinfolks scattered all over south Georgia, who were given to dropping in to stay a few days.

Yet I remember my mama having time to sit on the back steps and peel sugar cane for my little brother and me. She had time to let me cuddle the baby chicks while she gathered the eggs. I remember our crouching together in the hot dirt of the garden to pinch the bugs off the potato plants. I can see her shadow now, cast by the light from the fireplace upon the darkened bedroom as she put the youngest of us to bed.

In these 15 years since my mama's been gone it isn't so much her church-going nor her good works that I remember best. It's the sugar cane; the baby chicks; the potato bugs — a shadow on the wall.

Each school day at 2:45 p. m. my first grader bangs the door and yells "mama" on the way to the refrigerator. A glance at his school papers and a few words with me is all he needs before he's out to play. But his world's all right. Mama's at home. Forty-five minutes later my daughter comes in. She communicates better. There are confidences to share, weighty problems to be solved, mammoth decisions to make!

There's time for going, a time for good works, a time for pleasure. But the time to come home is before a little boy yells "mama" or a daughter comes home stung by the wounds of a bad school day. Ecclesiastes 3:1: "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven."

N MEMBERSHIP—

Hollywood Hills Shows Greatest Gain

Hollywood Hills Church, Hollyood, laid firm claim to the title "Florida's Fastest Growing hurch" during the 1961-62 Conrence Year by increasing its embership from 444 to 728.

This 284 net increase surpassed l other churches in the conferce, even those with several ousand members.

First Church, Orlando, last year's umerical growth leader, dropped om the top 20 with a net gain 98 members. The Orlando hurch held on to its lead in two her important categories, hower. It led the conference in total hurch membership, 4,382, and in verage daily attendance at Sunay school, 1, 285.

Based on total membership figres in the **Journal**, the 15 fastest rowing congregations in the conrence (net membership gain uring the year) are as follows:

1. Hollywood Hills, 284; 2. First, learwater, 253; 3. First, Melbourne, 198; 4. First, Coral Gables, 193; 5. Pasadena, St. Petersburg, 174; 6. St. Paul, Jacksonville, 162; 7. Aloma, Winter Park, 150; 8. Norland, Miami, 149; 9. Oakcrest, Jacksonville, (new church), 143; 10. Union, Dunedin, 131; 11. St. Luke, St. Petersburg, 131; 12. St. Paul, Tampa, 130 (new church); and 13 - 15. Lockhart, Orlando; Clearview, St. Petersburg; and Coral Way, Miami, all 127.

The 10 churches with the largest membership at the end of the 1961-62 Conference Year were: 1. First, Orlando, 4,382; 2. Christ, St. Petersburg, 3,949; 3. First Coral Gables, 3,890; 4. First, Lakeland, 3,068; 5. Pasadena, St. Petersburg, 2,894; 6. First, St. Petersburg, 2,885; 7. First, Clearwater, 2,715; 8. Park Temple, Ft. Lauderdale, 2, 692; 9. Trinity, Tallahassee, 2,430; 10. Palma Ceia, Tampa, 2,416.

Pasadena Community Church moved up one place and First Church, Clearwater, two places during the year, but the churches in the top 10 remained the same.

The 10 churches with the largest average attendance at Sunday school were: 1. First, Orlando, 1,285; 2. First, Lakeland, 1,000; 3. Pasadena, St. Petersburg, 983; 4. Arlington, Jacksonville, 832; 5. Christ, St. Petersburg, 784; 6. First, West Palm Beach, 773; 7. Trinity, Tallahassee, 770; 8. First, Coral Gables, 765; 9. First, Bradenton, 761; First, St. Petersburg, 751.

DeLacure Appointed Chaplain at Southern

The Rev. Dennis R. DeLacure of ake Alfred has been appointed haplain of Florida Southern Colge by Bishop Henley.

He will assume his college dues immediately and also connue as pastor of First Church Lake Alfred until his successor named.

At Florida Southern he will direct the college's religious life proram and coordinate the activies of student denominational roups. He succeeds the Rev. rancis Luce, who has transferred the office of academic affairs s administrative assistant and udent counselor.

Epworth Leaguers To Hold Reunion

The Annual Epworth Leaguers ld Timers Reunion will be held Brooksville October 20-21. Any erson who has been affiliated ith any Epworth League activy is invited to attend.

Reservations for rooms may be ade through Mr. S. C. Peacock, angerine Hotel, Brooksville, or ngus Williams, Box 2061, Tampa Florida. Special rates are being fered by the hotel.

Church Names New Education Director

Trinity Church, St. Petersburg has selected Miss Helen L. White as new director of Christian education with special emphasis on youth work and youth and children's choirs.

Miss White graduated from St. Petersburg High School, attended St. Petersburg Junior College and graduated from Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N. J., in 1961 with a degree in music.

Births

July 25—Twin girls, Edna Ann and Nancy Derris Wasson, to the Rev. and Mrs. Warren Wasson, Grace Methodist Church, Perry. Mr. Wasson adds: "Parents reading this who have twins will understand why the father was so long in getting this information to the **Florida Methodist.**"

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3,000 To Attend Family Life Conference

The National Methodist Conference on Family Life to be held in Chicago Oct. 19-21 is expected to attract over 3,000 delegates. They will hear several major addresses and take part in 41 work groups on subjects ranging from prayer to the family budget.

Hagler

Among the principal speakers are Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Colnmbus, Ohio, who is chairman of the General Committee on Family Life; Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of Los Angeles; the Rev. Robert E. (Bob) Richards, former Olympic pole vaulting champion; Dr. Nels F. S Ferre, Abbot professor of Christian theology at Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Center, Mass.; Dr. Dan W. Dodson, professor of education and director of the Center for Human Relations and Community Studies at New York University's School of Education; and Ralph Edwards, TV personality.

Workshop leaders from Florida are the Rev. Dale Hagler, West Palm Beach, who will lead a discussion entitled "Sex and the Whole Personality," and Dr. Edwin Hartz, Florida State University, who will lead a group studying "Concrete Ways of Expressing Our Religion."

Hartz

Importance of Family Stressed at Florida Conference

New insights on the importance of the home in Christianity and on ways in which the church can serve the family were gained at this year's Family Life Conference at the Leesburg Youth Camp.

Principal speaker for the Labor Day Weekend meeting was Dr. Claude Thompson, professor at Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

Mr. Thompson contended that there are three threats to the modern home: Communism, especially the complete training of youngsters by the state; the low morals of Hollywood as a standard of behavior; and the loss of the sense of sanctity in marriage.

The family is the God-ordained unit of society, Mr. Thompson declared, and it has never been destroyed. He noted that the early Christians met in homes for 350 years before the first church was built.

Christianity should make a difference in interpersonal relations, it was agreed in a workshop led by Dr. Edwin R. Hartz, professor at Florida State University. It should lead us to preserve and improve the best in man, sharpen his sensitivity and concern for others (including those outside his cultural group), provide for creative moments of meditation and for courageous living.

The Rev. William T. Blair, pastor of First Church, Mount Dora, led a workshop on ways in which the church can minister to the family. The group noted that most churches do not have a program geared to families and it recommended that those attending the conference help to form family life committees in their own churches.

DR. HARTZ LEADS WORKSHOP SESSION
...At Florida's Family Life Conference

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The Bishop Calls—

Dear Readers of the Florida Methodist:

Sunday, Sept. 9, I had the pleasure of preaching to the students of Florida Southern College in First Church, Lakeland, at the beginning of their fall semester. Doubtless some of the students were from your own church. They are a wonderful group of young people and it's always an inspiration to get to see them. At 11 o'clock on that same morning I preached to the congregation of College Heights Church. Florida Southern is off to one of its greatest years. Methodists of our Conference can be justly proud of their college.

On Sept. 11-13 the Cabinet met in Lakeland. We had a full discussion of the program of our Conference and reports concerning the achievements within the local churches. A Cabinet meeting is a tremendously interesting experience. I often wish that people of our local churches could sit in on one of them. I'm sure you will be interested in the announcement of the following appointments:

The Rev. Dennis DeLacure, chaplain, Florida Southern College.

The Rev. Darold N. Storm, Lake Alfred (effective Dec. 23).

The Rev. Rupert N. Caviness, Davenport (effective Dec. 23).

The Rev. C. B. Callaway, Goodwill Industries (effective Oct. 1).

The Rev. Laurence Waterhouse, Umatilla (effective Oct. 1).

On Sept. 13 I attended a meeting of the Joint Commission on Church Union of The Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren. Consultations have been held between these two bodies over a period of the past 10 years. We have a great deal in common. Both are Wesleyan in tradition. Our Articles of Religion are identical and our church organizations are very similar. The Evangelical United Brethren have a total membership of some 740,000 in the U. S. Will a plan of union be effected? It looks probable. There is every indication that it would be to the benefit of all concerned and to the ongoing of the Kingdom of our Lord. However, there is still much to be done and the outcome is far from predictable at the present time.

On Sunday, Sept. 16, I preached twice in the morning at the Jacksonville Beach Church, celebrating the 25th Anniversary of its founding. In the evening I preached and presided at the dedication of the sanctuary of Peeler Memorial Church in Jacksonville. Other days during this two-week period were accounted for by an executive committee meeting of the Board of Trustees of Bethune-Cookman College, a meeting of the executive committee of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council in Columbia, S. C., correspondence, interviews, et cetera. There is never a dull moment!

We are all very much interested these days in the efforts that are being made on behalf of subscriptions to the *Florida Methodist*. Our goal is One-in-Ten. We hope to have one subscription to the *Florida Methodist* for every 10 members in every local church. Certainly this is not an unreasonable goal. This paper carries the news of the Conference, keeps everyone up to date on what is going on and is valuable in introducing the Conference program to everyone. Really, it should be in every Methodist home in the state. We should achieve this number of subscriptions before the District Conferences meet in late November and December. Tell your friends about the *Florida Methodist*. Urge them to subscribe now!

Yours in His service,

JAMES W. HENLEY

Bishop Calls Special Conference Session To Seek Funds Needed for Auditorium

Bishop Henley has called a special session of the Florida Methodist Conference to meet at the Leesburg Youth Camp to seek authorization for additional money to construct the Branscomb Memorial Auditorium.

The Florida Conference has raised nearly $400,000 towards construction of the auditorium on the Florida Southern College campus in a four-year campaign, however the lowest bidder on the structure was over $800,000.

After trimming several features from the proposed building, the auditorium building committee has reported that it will need a pledge of at least an additional $200,000 before work can begin. Part of the total cost of the building will also be contributed by Florida Southern.

In a letter to each minister in the state, Bishop Henley wrote:

"With the unanimous approval of the Cabinet I am announcing a 'called session' of the Florida Annual Conference at the Youth Camp in Leesburg on Monday, Oct. 8, at 1 p.m.

"Four years ago the Methodists of Florida, grief-stricken by the death of Bishop John Branscomb, set in motion plans for a fitting memorial at Florida Southern College. This memorial, a chapel for college and conference use, was made a part of a financial campaign including other interests. The $400,000 included in the askings for the chapel was pledged in full—and the entire amount will soon have been paid by faithful donors.

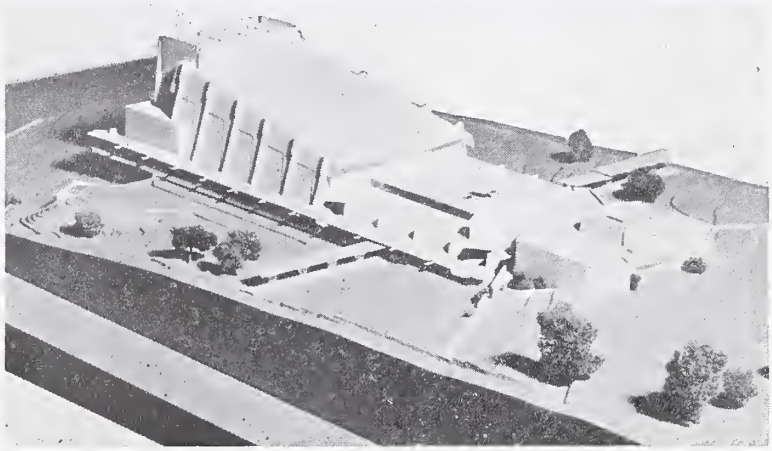
"However, the amount determined upon four years ago will not be adequate for the erection of an edifice of appropriate size and construction. The committee, though authorized by the conference, is hesitant to commit our people to further financial obligations without your review of the facts and figures. At the same time the committee is heartily in favor of proceeding with the building as early as possible and while the present bids are firm. For further progress conference action is needed. The called session will convene promptly at 1 p.m. on Oct. 8 in the assembly hall at the Youth Camp.

"Every preacher and lay delegate will want to be present for the roll call. Lay delegates are those chosen to attend the June 1962 session of the Annual Conference. Please urge your lay delegate to come."

A Lakeland firm, Templin's Inc., is the apparent low bidder on the auditorium project. The planned auditorium will seat 1,812 persons and will be used as the meeting place for annual sessions of the Florida Conference and other church convocations.

The concrete structure measuring 140 by 220 feet, will overlook Lake Hollingsworth, and its design will harmonize with the nearby Frank Lloyd Wright buildings.

The architect is Nils M. Schweizer and Associates of Winter Park. Schweizer, an associate of the late Frank Lloyd Wright, supervised construction of several of the Wright buildings at Florida Southern.



PROPOSED BRANSCOMB AUDITORIUM
....Additional construction funds needed

LEAVES OCT. 9—

Bishop Henley To Inspect Work In 6 South American Countries

Bishop Henley will leave Oct. 9 for a six-week inspection of the church's work in six South American countries. He is making the survey at the request of the Council of Bishops.

Accompanied by Mrs. Henley, he plans to depart from Miami and is due to return November 25. He will visit Methodist mission stations, schools and hospitals and confer with missionaries, pastors and lay leaders.

In a message explaining his trip to readers of the Florida Methodist, Bishop Henley wrote:

"The Council of Bishops has requested me to make a tour of the mission fields in South America. Mrs. Henley and I will be traveling among our mission stations in Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia and Peru.

"Please remember us in your prayers as we carry greetings from our Methodist Church in America to our missionaries and our Methodist people in these countries to the south. These are critical days in South America. The cross must be lifted high before the eyes of all men. A new day is dawning there, and what it will be like is as yet undetermined. Certainly, Christ can make all the difference.

"And as we go, we assure you of our love and of our constant prayers for you and those who labor with you for the glory of our Lord Jesus."

The men above are eight of 12 Methodist ministers who are members of Avon Park Church. Together they represent over 500 years of service. The men and length of service are (seated left to right): Ezra Hutchens, 49 years; E. F. Overley, 55 years; C. D. Marston, 37 years; William Hooker, 35 years; and Halvard Folkestad, 52 years. Standing (from left) are: N. H. Davis, 30 years; T. Homer Smith, 39 years; S. M. Swaney, 44 years; Mrs. Boaz, Russell Boaz, 27 years of service and presently serving Avon Park Church. Not present for the picture were E. C. Gover, 29 years; Roy T. Johnson, 45 years; L. C. Lewis, 44 years, and W. A. Whitmore, 40 years.

12 Retired Ministers at Avon Park Represent 500 Years of Service

Twelve retired Methodist ministers, representing a combined total of over 500 years of service, now reside in Avon Park and form a valuable part of the local church's ministry.

The Rev. Russell Boaz, pastor of the Avon Park Church, has drawn upon the experience of these retired men as members of church commissions, Sunday school teachers and for assistance in the Sunday morning worship service.

The ministers are:

The Rev. E. C. Gover, who served 29 years in the West North Carolina and Kentucky Conferences.

The Rev. Ezra Hutchins, who served nearly 50 years in the Indiana Conference—including two terms as district superintendent.

The Rev. E. R. Overley, who served 55 years in the Kentucky Conference as pastor, evangelist, district superintendent and as president of Union College in Kentucky.

Four ministers of the Northeast Ohio Conference. They are the Rev. William Hooker, 35 years; the Rev. T. Homer Smith, 39 years, including a period with the American Sunday School Union (he is the present pastor at Zolfo Springs); the Rev. L. Chester Lewis, 44 years, part of this time as a missionary in India; and the Rev. C. D. Marston, 37 years, including one term as district superintendent and 13 years as head of the Methodist Children's Home at Berea, Ohio.

The Rev. W. A. Whitmore, 40 years in the Ohio Conference.

The Rev. Stockton M. Swaney, 44 years in the Rock River Illinois and North Dakota Conferences.

The Rev. N. H. Davis, 30 years in the Virginia Conference. He was a chaplain in World War II and was president of Ferrum College in Virginia.

The Rev. Halvard Folkestad, 52 years in the West Wisconsin Conference, including a term as district superintendent.

Mr. Boaz has also compiled a record of long years of service outside of the Florida Conference. He transferred last year from the Tennessee Conference and has been in the ministry 27 years, including 10 in the field of evangelism. He was born in Cuba of missionary parents and is a descendent of the late Bishop Hiram A. Boaz.

One-Day Institutes For Senior Citizens

Three one-day Institutes on the Church and the Senior Citizen, featuring the Rev. Ira Barnett, will be held in Florida Communities this month.

This will be the sixth series of such non-denominational senior citizen institutes in which Mr. Barnett, one of Florida's best known retired Methodist ministers, has played a leading role.

An institute will be held at the Tavares Methodist Church, Oct. 9; St. Cloud Methodist Church, Oct. 10; and Lake Wales Methodist Church, Oct. 11. They are sponsored by the Division of General Extension of the Florida Institute for Continuing University Studies in cooperation with the Florida Council of Churches and local ministerial associations.

Each institute begins at 9 a.m. and lasts to 3:45 p.m. with a break for lunch. Other leaders are the Rev. Jack A. Davis, executive secretary of the Florida Council of Churches, and the Rev. Chester Barnett, chairman of the Commission on Christian Education of the Florida Council of Churches.

Methodists May Rank 2nd in Membership

Membership in the Methodist Church in the U. S. now stands at 10,153,003, it was reported by the Rev. Don A. Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance.

This represents a gain of slightly more than one per cent over last year's figure of 10,046,293—not large enough to enable the Methodists to retain their long-held position as the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

The Southern Baptist Convention, growing at the rate of 2.5 per cent a year, has apparently taken over the top spot with an estimated membership of 10,250,000.

Another Methodist

President Kennedy's newest Cabinet appointment makes the third Methodist in the group. He is W. Willard Wirtz, who is Secretary of Labor, a member of First Church in DeKalb, Ill.

Other Methodists in the Cabinet are Luther W. Hodges of North Carolina, Secretary of Commerce, and J. Edward Day of California, Postmaster General.

A MOVING STORY

The Case of The Itinerate Pews

By DOROTHY BUDD

This is the story of the Wandering Pews.

Several months ago the pews in the First Methodist Church, Bradenton, were sitting there in the sanctuary, admiring the beautiful pale walls, the newly-built chancel, the new white pulpit and lectern, the choir loft and white altar — and all trimmed with dark red mahogany. The pews, of dark oak, knew they didn't match the new color scheme but were happy to be in such a beautiful place. They liked the minister, the Rev. Thomas Glenn Mitchell, and the congregation who came to hear him preach and to pray. Some of the pews had favorites who came to them every Sunday. Sometimes strangers came, and it was interesting to hear them compare First Church with their hometown church — at times with nostalgia, at others with a vow to do something about their church when they returned home.

During the winter, when so many visitors were there, the pews became tired and groaned a little when the third Sunday morning service was over — two worship services and a Sunday school lesson taught by Mayor A. Sterling Hall to the Wesleyan Fellowship Class, which claims to be the largest in Florida.

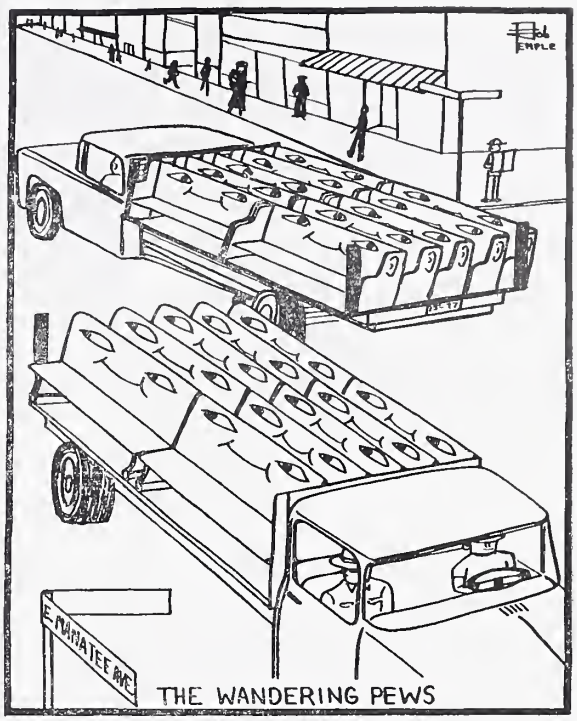
Then one Sunday morning the pews were startled to hear Mr. Mitchell announce that the new pews were on their way and would be installed in about three weeks. The pews had heard rumors, of course, but they could hardly believe them. They still felt young and strong and knew they could give many more years of service.

The answer to this puzzle came when Mr. Mitchell announced that the present pews would be taken to Manatee Methodist Church. After the service was over and the church was quiet, the pews began to talk over the upsetting news. Where was this Manatee Church? None of them seemed to know. They were glad, however, that it was a Methodist Church because they knew the order of worship.

Then one of the pews in the balcony recalled that Bishop Henley, when he was in Bradenton to dedicate the educational building and the new pews in the chapel, had mentioned that Manatee Church was the "mother" of First Church. That news made them all feel better. It was almost like going back home, except that none of them had ever been inside the Manatee Church. They decided it would be interesting to meet the people in their Mother Church.

In a few days the doors were opened and strong young men came in. The pews were quite excited about going to their new home, and they all said a silent farewell and a God Bless You to the church they had served so long. They were loaded on a truck, where they had a perfect view of the route they were following.

The truck turned east on busy Manatee Avenue and soon stopped for a traffic light. The pews in front noticed that a truck in the opposite lane was carrying a load of white pews. As the trucks passed, questions and answers flew back and forth. The dark oak pews learned that the white ones had



THE WANDERING PEWS

come from their destination, the Manatee Church, and were on their way to Terra Ceia Methodist Church. They boasted that they had previously served in the First Methodist Church of Sarasota. With an exchange of "Good Luck's," the two sets of pews were soon out of hearing range.

The truck finally stopped at the end of a tree-shaded street in front of a large white church. Almost at once a tall, smiling man appeared. The men called him "Rev. Robinson," but his wife called him "Frank."

The pews were carried in and placed at Mr. Robinson's direction. The sanctuary was different from the one at First Church, but the pews fitted easily and comfortably. Those in front looked up at the altar and saw on a stained glass window the date of 1849. They pointed it out to the others, and one who could subtract figured that the church was over 112 years old. They were proud and happy to serve a church which had been doing the work of the Lord for so many years.

At the Terra Ceia Church, the white pews learned they were not to be taken inside right away. They heard their white paint was to be taken off and they were to be stained a dark brown to match the rest of the church's furnishings. They knew also—since they were not so young anymore—that their wandering days were about over and they would probably serve this congregation until they retired.

At the other end of the age spectrum, brand new mahogany pews were unloaded at First Church. Beaming a highly polished smile, they fitted comfortably into their new surroundings (After all, they had been especially built for the church) and they looked forward to a long life of silent service.

Crosscurrents

(A Forum of Metohdist Opinion)

(Editor's Note—Declining church membership in both rural areas and in the inner-city has been a prime topic of discussion among church people recently. So has the idea of Protestants uniting into larger fellowships. In Western Pennsylvania both of these concerns have been combined in a proposel by the chief administrative officers of the Methodist Church and the United Presbyterian Synod in that region. In a statement, they declare that a community's need for an effective church should take precedence over denominational interests.)

Population Change Offers Crisis

"The population movement and change in both the urban and rural areas of the state of Pennsylvania have brought about serious crises in many communities and in many local churches. While we are aware of the challenge in rapidly growing suburbia, our chief concern here is at two points:

"1. For an effective Christian witness in rural areas, and small towns where the population is static or has decreased, and where the community is over-churched. Many of these churches are either without pastors or do not have the advantages of a fully trained ministry. Many of these churches were constituted and located in a day which has gone and no longer have an effective ministry to the people.

"2. The crisis in the inner-city is equally acute. The churches remaining in the area are struggling with small memberships, inadequate budgets, and needless competition with churches closely related to each other in spirit and purpose. The crisis here is too important to be solved by any denomination alone.

Issues Seem Clear: Change or Die!

"The issues seem clear. Many of our churches have no other choice than to make radical changes and meet new needs or die. Such local churches must be led to see that:

"Consolidation with other denominations is necessary to assure a strong ministry to the local community.

"Dissolution of a particular church may be necessary.

"Some of such churches must be included in a yoked or larger parish relationship with churches of another denomination.

"Still others must be stimulated to continue service as a separate congregation with a new thrust and an awareness of a changed responsibility to a new population group."

Community Need Comes First

Among the recommendations were:

—that a continuing study of all churches in declining population areas be initiated.

—that such studies place the needs for a particular community to have a strong local church above denominational interests

—that where such study results in the advisability of the withdrawal of one particular denomination so that the witness of another may be strengthened, that effective methods of achieving this desirable goal be developed and practiced.

—that when a denomination withdraws from a community the policy be that in no case shall the discontinued property be sold to another denomination, thus perpetuating the overchurched condition.

And Now, What Do You Think About It?

"Crosscurrents" invites your comment on the opinions expressed above and on any other topic of interest and concern to Florida Methodists. Letters should be 300 words or less, and the Florida Methodist reserves the right to reject any letter or shorten it to meet space requirements. Letters must bear the writer's name and address, but the name will be withheld from publication upon request.—Editor.

BISHOP WARNS—

Scandal Mongers Hurt Churches and Country

Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles has lashed out against scandal mongers who delight in whispering campaigns and seek to smirch the reputation of national and community leaders.

These "termites" work at the foundations of American society, and try to pull down human dignity and freedom, he told 1,200 ministers and laymen attending the 112th session of the Southern California - Arizona Methodist Conference.

"America has a great work in the world, but if we are not careful we won't have anything worth saving. The devil never laughs so heartily as when we Christians go off on a secondary front and leave him in full charge of the primary front. And this is happening in so many places in our nation and in our Church.

"When a fellow begins running around doing little things, that's when he loses his way. The Church is the place where men come once a week to find themselves, to get the long look, the eternal perspective. But if we spend our time arguing with these people, we are lost," the bishop said.

Bishop Kennedy strongly defended the National Council of Churches, target of frequent attacks from right wing groups. The National Council, he said, is the leadership of Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal and many other churches coming together to look at our world.

"You don't like everything the National Council says, and neither do I, but Protestantism is committed to speak a relevant word to society, and if you don't like that you don't like Protestantism."

The bishop declared he could find nothing subversive in **motive** magazine, controversial Methodist student monthly.

The critics of **motive**, he said, generally lack a sense of humor, and "people with no humor ought not to read anyway. They can't tell when there is satire, and they take every satirical writing and treat it as literal truth, and they only succeed in making fools of themselves."

Students, he added, are the hope of the Church because "they blast away at so many things we take for granted."

MISSIONARY COUPLE AND FAMILY
...on Furlough from Southern Rhodesia

AT PLANT CITY—

Missionaries To Lead Revival

The Rev. Hunter D. Griffin, a missionary on a year's furlough, will be the guest speaker at his home church, First Church in Plant City, during its Missionary Revival Week, Nov. 4-8.

Taking part in the week of missionary emphasis in addition to First Church are seven other churches in the Plant City area—Grace, Trinity and Sunset Heights, Plant City; Knights, Dover, Cork and Springhead.

During his almost 10 years in the Southern Rhodesia missionary field, Mr. Griffin has headed evangelistic work, supervised 30 elementary schools and directed an agricultural improvement plan.

Mr. Griffin attended West Virginia University and is a graduate of Berea College, Drew Theological Seminary. He has done special work at Cornell University, and he served as a Methodist pastor in New Jersey before going to Southern Rhodesia.

His wife, a former Plant City girl who is also an effective missionary speaker, will preach at both morning services at First Church on Nov. 4—Homecoming Sunday—and Mr. Griffin will open the joint services Sunday night.

Also participating in the Missionary Revival Week are the Rev. and Mrs. Julian W. Nave, former missionaries to India. Mrs, Nave will speak to the Woman's Society of Christian Service on Monday and Mr. Nave will speak to the Methodist Men on Tuesday. The Griffins and Naves will alternate at the revival services throughout the week.

In addition, the missionaries will lead study book presentations for the Woman's Society of Christian Service during the week.

NEED A JOURNAL?

Conference Secretary Robert C. Boggs urges those who either missed receiving their copy of the Florida Conference Journal or who need additional copies to contact him during the special session of the Florida Annual Conference at Leesburg, October 8.

Mr. Boggs also urged those ministers needing further adjustment on their service years in the Journal's chronological roll to contact him at that time.

Bibles Sent to Cuba In Record Numbers

After the break in diplomatic relations between Cuba and the U. S., new ways had to be found for shipping the Bible into Cuba. Transhipment of books through other countries is being accomplished and during 1961 the Bible Society distributed 906,660 copies in Cuba.

This marked a gain of more than 250,000 over the total Bibles distributed over the previous year.

Coupons Provide Many Items for Children's Home

The coupons that come on many grocery store items may seem unimportant to most people, but to the children of the Florida Methodist Home at Enterprise they're "legal tender" for all kinds of needed items.

In the past, the coupons have bought a school bus, deep freeze units, water coolers, television sets kitchen utensils, silver and pots and pans.

The Rev. Bascom W. Carlton, superintendent, said: "Many Woman's Society groups and others in local churches have kindly saved these coupons across the years and they have proved of splendid value to us through this plan."

Coupons of use to the home are: Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Golden Key milk, Borden's milks, Octagon products, Kirkman products, Linit liquid starch, Argo Gloss starch, Luzianne coffee and tea, Mrs. Filbert's margarine and salad products, Pride of Illinois canned vegetables, Joan of Arc canned vegetables, Calumet Baking powder, Gold Seal dog and cat foods, Penny dog and cat foods, Skinner cereals, Skinner macaroni products and Grandma's molasses.

Refugees To Work In Latin America

A major interfaith program, the Latin American Technical Voluntary Exchange Program, has been organized for refugees from Castro's Cuba.

Under the program, doctors, teachers, architects, engineers and other highly-trained persons from Cuba will be enlisted to contribute their skills on a salaried basis to church-sponsored "peace corps" projects in Latin America.

The program will help meet two important emergencies. It will return highly educated Cubans to places of usefulness and will bring important benefits to needy countries in Latin America.

New Korean Bishop

The Korean Methodist Church, one of the largest units of overseas Methodism, has a new episcopal leader. He is Bishop Hwan Shin Lee, elected on the 41st ballot to a four-year term.

METHODIST MEN AT WORK

As some 2,000 Methodist Men converged on the Leesburg Youth Camp for three weekend laymen's retreats, the Florida Methodist is proud to bring this special report about various contributions made by our men on the local and national level. The work of the members of the General Board of Lay Activities is particularly significant to members of the Florida Conference since our own conference lay leader, R. Howard Berg of Melbourne, is its president.

Six Major Events Point to Progress

Six major events indicating progress in laymen's work in The Methodist Church were cited in the report of the general secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities at its annual meeting recently.

Dr. Robert G. Mayfield said that the regular program of lay activities continues to grow and move forward and that the past fiscal year "eventually may be recorded as the most significant year for lay activities since unification of the churches in 1939."

He listed these indications of progress.

—The Third National Conference of Methodist Men held last summer, with a record attendance of more than 4,500 and setting the pattern for lay activities for the quadrennium.

—The new format of **Methodist Laymen**, the board's monthly magazine, introduced last August and meeting with wide approval throughout the church.

—Upgrading the Department of Methodist Men to a Section and creating three departments within the section.

—Creating a Department of Lay Speaking and assigning a full-time staff man to this phase of the program.

—Carrying through, on behalf of the General Conference and the Council of Bishops, a tithing stewardship emphasis as one of the major thrusts of the 1960-64 Quadrennial Program.

—Moving the board's national headquarters from 740 Rush street, Chicago, to the new Methodist building at 1200 Davis street, Evanston, Ill.

FLORIDIAN PARTICIPATES IN SHARING PROGRAM

Tom Noller, Pompano Beach builder, was among five laymen who gave their personal testimony during a sharing period at the Southeastern Jurisdiction Methodist Laymen's Conference at Lake Junaluska this summer.

Board Condemns Those Who Claim That Our Ministers Are Red-Tinged

The Methodist Church's General Board of Lay Activities has lashed out at groups that seek to undermine the ministry and divide the church by alleging that communism is infiltrating religious bodies.

In a strongly-worded resolution, the 40-member national board of the denomination declared its belief that "the churches are the greatest bulwark against communism in America today" and reaffirmed its faith in a free pulpit and the church's ministerial leaders.

Berg

Pettit

R. Howard Berg, Melbourne business executive and lay leader of the Florida Conference, is president of the board, which is one of the official agencies of the denomination. Its duties include cultivation of stewardship and finance, promotion of Methodist Men clubs, development of lay speaking, and the training of lay leaders throughout Methodism.

The board is composed principally of leading laymen who serve as conference lay leaders in various parts of the nation.

The resolution was introduced through one of the board's regular standing committees by its chairman, Dr. Clare N. Pettit, prominent layman from Parlier, Calif., and lay leader of the church's California-Nevada Conference.

Complete text of the resolution follows:

WHEREAS, the General Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church in regular session, being cognizant of the efforts among various groups which have a tendency to divide the church, undermine the ministry, and distort the true facts and purposes of the church, our pastors, our district superintendents, and our bishops, and

WHEREAS, much is being said about alleged communism in our churches and alleged communist tendencies among our ministers, and

WHEREAS, we regret that the motives and purposes of The Methodist Church, the clerical and other leaders have been distorted, and

WHEREAS, we as laymen of The Methodist Church believe in a positive approach to the program of our church, relative to the past, present, and future program, feeling that such an approach will remove any doubt of our unified front and will be a restraint to those opposing our church, our ministers, our district superintendents, our bishops, and other leaders laboring in God's vineyard, and

WHEREAS, we as Methodist laymen believe in the integrity and sincerity of our district superintendents, our bishops, and other ministers, whose character is passed upon at regular intervals by duly constituted church bodies, and

WHEREAS, we believe the churches are the greatest bulwark against communism in America today; we believe in The Methodist Church, its ministry, and in the great work of preaching, teaching, and counseling in which our church and leaders are engaged.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the General Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church, in official session go on record as reaffirming our belief in the freedom of the pulpit and in pledging our full support to the ministers, district superintendents, and bishops, and to the program of our great church.

FBI Spokesman Answers Questions on Communism

William C. Sullivan, assistant irector of the Federal Bureau of nvestigation, assured laymen of he Southeastern Jurisdiction at his year's nine-state layman's onference that communists have ot infiltrated the Christian hurch.

He credited clergymen for "sucessful resistance to communism espite all the time, money and fforts communists have made to ropogandize and influence" hem. He also decried "bitter ame calling, false allegations, suspicion, prejudice, alarmism and intolerance" as having "no place among civilized people — especially among Christians with their doctrine of love."

Following his talk, Mr. Sullivan gave the following answers to some pointed questions put to him:

"No Communists are writing Methodist literature. They'd like to but are unable to."

In trying to infiltrate churches, communists are usually told to "be very active in the social life, but don't get involved in the religious life."

The U. S. government "apparently allows" agents full latitude to propogate communism because "we are different from them, and we do believe in freedom under the law even for those who differ from us . . . If we start to chip away at our freedoms, we might end by throwing the baby out with the bath."

"The Communist Party has failed with the American Negro" and "national leadership of the NAACP is strongly anti-communist."

"Communist Party in the U. S. has been decreasing in numbers since the mid-1940s, though not all ex-members have denied communism. This shows we can successfully fight communism and not violate civil liberties."

Orlando Men Hear Speaker on Aging

College Park Church, Orlando, vas host to over 200 members of he Orlando District Methodist Men in August. The district club s comprised of 43 local men's lubs.

Dr. Louis C. Murray, chairman f the Committee for the Aging f the Orange County Medical ociety was guest speaker. His ubject was medical care for the ged.

Nearly 400 Stations Carry Men's Program

The Methodist Men Hour's 1962-63 program series plans have been announced by Dr. Robert G. Mayfield, general secetary of the Board of Lay Activities, Evanston.

Now in its 11th year, the 25-minute program features Dr. Charles R. Goff who is beginning his fifth year as the speaker.

Mr. Mayfield explained that lay leaders or local clubs of the Methodist Men may take the initiative in contacting radio stations and arranging for the program to be carried. Last year the program was carried on nearly 400 radio stations.

Allendale Church Has Thriving Blood Bank Account

Allendale Church, St. Petersburg, has a thriving lood bank account. Started in 1956, the bank has eceived 177 pints of blood donated by 54 members.

The "Bank Account" was begun by the Rev. rank Carwithen, then the church's pastor. Richard ayer was its first donor. The present minister, the ev. William B. Caldwell, receives requests for blood nd signs the releases according to the policies of he blood bank committee.

"Every organization has its leaders," said Mr. aldwell, "and the Allendale blood account is no xception. The leaders are not elected in the usual anner that leaders are. Each election is based on he number of pints the person has given. Each onor who gives a gallon or more of blood becomes 'Galloner,' a high donor."

Six men are "Galloners" at Allendale: L. H. itchell, Harry E. Thompson, W. P. Ryan, M. C. itchell, R. D. Kamerer and Lewis Green. With he exception of Mr. Ryan, who is beyond the age mit, the men are all members of the Crusaders ass.

The men usually go to the blood bank together. t happens this way," said Kamerer. "We'll all be Sunday school when one of us will say, 'Let's go own and give a pint of blood.' So, of course, we . We get back to church just in time for the orning service."

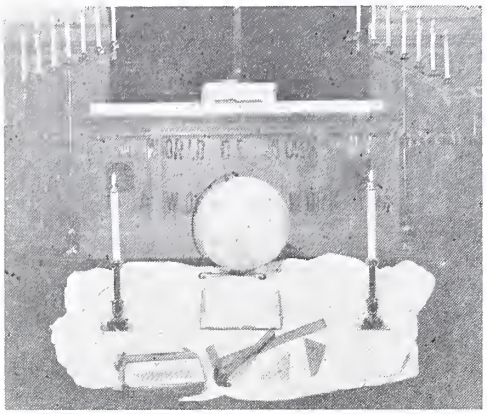
"Galloners" of Allendale Church, St. Petersburg, look on while the Rev. William B. Caldwell is checked as a potential blood donor. (Seated) Miss Norma Lyons, blood bank nurse, Mr. Caldwell, M. C. Mitchell. (Standing) R. D. Kamerer, L. H. Mitchell, Harry E. Thompson, and William Ryan.

News From The Churches

DELEGATES FILL PULPITS

Delegates to the 88th annual convention of National Woman's Christian Temperance Union filled several Methodist pulpits in Miami as guest speakers.

Included were: Mrs. Irene Curtis, Tamiami Temple; Helen G. H. Estelle, and Mrs. C. V. Biddle, White Temple; and Miss Ethel Riddle, Tarboux Memorial.



...Worship Center

VOCATIONS EMPHASIZED

An unusual worship center, prepared by Mary Jane Hughes, was used at First Church, Sebring, during the Youth Activities Week. The youth week theme was "It's Your Life" with special emphasis on Christian vocation.

OFF TO SEMINARY

Jim Denslow, First Church, Clermont, has entered Duke University Divinity School to begin preparation for the ministry. Jim, a graduate of the University of Florida, committed himself to the Christian ministry on Ministry Sunday last May.

SUMMER PROGRESS

"Bibles in Braille" was the summer project of the youth of First Church, Clearwater. Total contributions were $261.81. One 20 volume set costs $90.00.

...In Zephyrhills

GROUND BREAKING HELD

Ground was broken recently for the new First Methodist Sanctuary at Zephyrhills. Those participating in the ceremony are (left to right): The Rev. John J. Rooks, district superintendent; Lucius Sibley, the official board; F. Earl Hart, chairman of the board of trustees; Mike Maggio, contractor; Vincent Peel, finance chairman; Russ Ferlita, contractor; I. A. Krusen, honorary chairman of the building fund drive; Roger Sibley, building committee member; and the Rev. Henry Kinnard, Jr., pastor.

CONSTRUCTION PLANS BEGIN

The building committee of Community Church, Fruitland Park, met recently with Robert Ford, Leesburg architect, to discuss plans for relocation of the church on a four-acre site the congregation recently purchased.

The Rev. Huie Holloway, pastor, said the church could not expand at its present site and so a new one was selected. He anticipated that ground would be broken for the first unit at the new site — a fellowship hall and educational building — by next January.

OBSERVES 25th ANNIVERSARY

The Jacksonville Beach Methodist Church recently observed its 25th Anniversary. Preacher for the occasion was Bishop Henley. After the services, Bishop and Mrs. Henley were guests at a luncheon honoring a group of new members who joined the church on its anniversary.

...Old friends united

MINISTERS 'REMEMBER WHEN'

Two ministers assigned to Jacksonville at Annual Conference are renewing an old friendship that began back in Corbin, Ky. The Rev. Harold Brooks, pastor of Feeler Memorial Church, was aided in his ministerial education by the Rev. A. D. Houghlin, pastor of the Livingston-Anderson Church.

Mr. Houghlin was instrumental in Mr. Brooks' refusal to accept scholarships offered to him as an all-state basketball player and paid his matriculation fee at Asbury College instead. Later he talked Mr. Brooks into completing his education at Emory University's Candler School of Theology.

48 WAYS TO WORK IN CHURCH

Forty church workers recently set out to visit every member of First Church, Bartow, inviting them to "roll call" Sunday. At the same time they carried check lists indicating 48 different ways that a member could serve his church.

The Rev. Ben Rider, pastor, said each member was reminded of the vows he took upon being received into church membership and then asked to check those areas in which he would be most interested in serving. The check lists will be used by church personnel in securing fuller participation in its activities.

TEACHES MILLIONS TO READ

"Each One Teach One." Through a simple literacy program based on this formula, Dr. C. Laubach is credited with enabling more than one million adults to learn how to read in the last 30 years. The million pupils have spoken 300 different languages in 101 countries.

The 77-year-old Christian educator explained his program recently in services at Fulford and White Temple Churches in Miami. The famed missionary contended that world literacy is one of the best curbs of communism. He said communists are making converts among the illiterate half of the world at the rate of 100 million a year.

SIX MINISTERS LEAD SERVICES

Six different ministers led preaching mission services at Skycrest Church in Clearwater during September. They were Sunday evening—the Rev. Grant Hinshaw, Union Church, Dunedin; Monday—the Rev. Robert Wenner, Friendship Church, Clearwater; Tuesday—the Rev. Allen Bartlett, Belmont Park Church, Clearwater; Wednesday—the Rev. Austin McCoig, First Church, Dunedin; Thursday—the Rev. David Hortin, St. Paul Church, Largo; and Friday—the Rev. Hoyt Tatum, St. Petersburg District superintendent.

INSPIRING 'FOLLOWER' HONORED

The Men's Club of Florida City Church recently awarded Boyd Cohemour a life-time membership in the Methodist Men in recognition for his generosity and service to the club. Cohemour was singled out especially for his inspiration as a rank-and-file club member rather than for any position held as a club leader.

.Buy Church Site

NAPLES CHURCH BUYS SITE

First Church, Naples, has purchased a five-acre tract of land as a part of the church extension program, with plans for a new church in the next Conference year.

In the picture, John R. Wood receives the deed from Eugene Parker of the Triangle Corporation in exchange for a check. Looking on are Charles Grimm, negotiator of the sale, and the Rev. Harry C. Parham, pastor.

YOUTH PRESENT PAGEANT

"Our Dollars Save Lives," a pageant, was presented by youth at Palm Springs Church, Hialeah, recently. Directed by Darrilyn Dandurand, it depicted the work of the MCOR around the world.

NEW YOUTH CHAPELS

Young people of Community Church, Ft. Pierce, completely redecorated two rooms of the church for use as youth chapels during their Youth Activities Week. The boys built altars, cornices, worship centers and pulpits while the girls made curtains and altar pads. Both helped with the painting.

...Garden for missions

SUPPORT MONTHLY MISSION PROJECT

Members of the Senior MYF at Childs Park Church, St. Petersburg, support a monthly missionary project with the aid of funds the young people earn through gardening, cleaning, car washing and other odd jobs. Showing clipping shrubbery above are (from left) Margaret Pounds, Bill McLoud and Delores Connell.

TWO ADDED TO MUSIC STAFF

Two new members have been added to the music staff at First Church, So. Miami. Philip Fink will be the church's director of music. He previously served as director of orchestras for the University of Miami summer band and orchestra camp. The other addition is Frank M. Calhoun, who will direct the youth and children's choirs.

Calhoun is son of the Dr. E. Clayton Calhoun, a member of the Florida Conference who is serving as president of Paine College in Augusta, Ga. He teaches music in Dade County public schools and was on the music staff at the Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly this summer.

...New Parsonage

PARSONAGE COMPLETED

First Church, Pinellas Park, has completed a new parsonage, one of four new buildings. The church, organized by the Rev. Collye Alford 18 months ago with 52 members, today has 300. Present minister is the Rev. O. Dean Martin.

Floridian To Join Mission to Brazil

The Rev. Clare M. Cotton, pastor of First Church, Lakeland, will take part in a Methodist evangelistic mission in Brazil, Oct. 25-Nov. 11.

The mission will be sponsored jointly by the Methodist general boards of missions and evangelism. The Lakeland church is sending Mr. Cotton, who will join 38 other Methodist ministers and one layman in the project.

Cotton

The mission will be conducted in 40 Methodist churches and communities in Brazil. It will be directed by the Rev. George H. Jones, Nashville, staff member of the General Board of Evangelism.

At the conclusion of the mission, all of the U.S. Methodists will tour the Brazilian cities of Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and Brasilia. They will also observe the work of Christian missions in Panama; Lima, Peru; Santiago, Chile; Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Montevideo, Uruguay.

The Rev. J. Milburn McLeod, Jacksonville District Superintendent, speaks to members of the official board of Gilmore Church in the Jacksonville church's new sanctuary

Beautiful Sanctuary Built at Moderate Cost By Fast-Growing Jacksonville Church

Gilmore Church, Jacksonville, has built a new sanctuary—seating 360—for only $21,450. Members of the church are furnishing the church as memorials to their loved ones.

The church has also been able to acquire a new parsonage during the past year, reports the Rev. A. Bruce Galloway, pastor. The congregation has grown from 80 to 234 members in two years.

The new sanctuary is completely air-conditioned. Rich oak paneling, redwood beams and deep red carpeting blend together in the sofe light of the cross to create a most worshipful atmosphere.

The building also has an office, choir room, restrooms and storage room.

Florida Pastor's School To Feature Books Selected for 'Basic Library'

One of the features of this year's Florida Pastor's School will be a "basic library" selection of books for ministers taken from a bibliography published by Union Theological Seminary in New York.

The Rev. Ralph Huston, South Miami, dean of the school, said this portion of the book table will afford an opportunity for ministers to build their basic library as well as to purchase more recent selections from the Methodist Publishing House.

Books written by the outstanding faculty members selected for the school, held Oct. 8-12 at the Leesburg Youth Camp, will also be featured.

Out-of-state speakers include Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, Yale University, who will give seven lectures on the topic: "The Present Status of the Church from the Perspective of History;" Dr. William F. Case, St. Paul's School of Theology, Kansas City, Mo., who will deliver four lectures on the subject: "A Christian's View of Local Church Administration;" and the Rev. David A. MacLennan, senior minister at Brick Presbyterian Church, Rochester, N. Y., who will preach a series of sermons on the theme: "And Now a Word from Our Sponsor."

Disarmament Film Available in Florida

"Does Disarmament Make Sense," a 16 mm black-and-white sound film, is now available along with the study book **None Shall Make Them Afraid.**

Narrated by Raymond Massey, it deals with eight steps to peace and gives a true evaluation of arms limitation and disarmament. The UN is given a prominent place in solving the problems. The film may be rented for one dollar by writing the Rev. Frank Carwithen, First Church, Daytona Beach.

U.S. Racial Barriers Compared to Berlin Wall

"Walls of separation, whether in Berlin or in the mind and heart," are extremely difficult to remove, Bishop A. Raymond Grant of the Portland Area declared at the National Conference of the Methodist Youth Fellowship recently. He and others decried the church's failure to take the lead in overcoming racial discrimination.

Bishop Grant compared the wall in Berlin to "barriers to brotherhood that we have erected" and pointed out that "the prejudices that give rise to segregation are institutionalized in schools, churches, buses, restaurants become established facts in our society and extremely difficult to remove."

Racial problems within the church, he said, can best be overcome by facing them, by being "vocal with our convictions" and by being committed to major issues. He warned young people to "stick with the big issues."

Me And My Bible

By MRS. ED FERRELL

Our little friend Allen was washing his hands. In defense of the guest towels, his mother stood nearby holding a bath towel ready for his use. Allen looked up and said, "My, what a beautiful towel rack!" The words scored an instant hit.

We all know the right words but we don't use them. When we need words of encouragement and praise ourselves, why is it hard for us to realize that other people need them too? Our friends don't know we admire them; we must tell them so. Acquaintances don't know we feel kindly toward them; we must say it.

"For a word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Proverbs 25:11.

Pray God to keep us from the wrong words and to help us find the right words. As Edward Sill said: "The ill-timed truth we might have kept — who knows how sharp it pierced and stung? The word we had not sense to say — who knows how grandly it had rung?"

Almost every person we will see today will be carrying a burden or disappointment. Let's say those words that help — while the chance is ours.

AMBITIOUS GOALS SET FOR LAYMEN

A major article in the September issue of Methodist Layman marked the 20th anniversary of Methodist Men by reviewing the movement's history and suggesting the following goals:

—Winning 50,000 new men a year to Christ.
—Helping recruit at least 500 men a year for the ministry.
—Underwriting at least 200 overseas scholarships.
—Having at least 25 per cent of their members as tithers of time, abilities and possessions.
—Providing enough lay speakers so that services can be held in every church each Sunday.

'Programmed Abolition' of Segregated Jurisdictions in U. S. Methodism Urged

A "programmed abolition" of the segrated jurisdictional system in U. S. Methodism has been proposed by Central Jurisdiction bishops and study committee.

A joint declaration by the College of Bishops and the five-man study committee sets up the following time table:

Nov. 1, 1962—A proposed plan to realign Central Jurisdiction anual conference boundaries, so no conference will overlap two or more of the regional jurisdictions.

During 1963—This plan to be studied and "discussed thoroughly by all parties and groups . .who may be affected directly or indirectly."

June, 1964—Adoption of realignment by the Central Jurisdiction Conference.

The study committee is also to recommend a set of standards for transfer of annual conference from the Central to the regional jurisdictions. Annual conferences will be encouraged to "initiate immediate action" for transfer on the basis of Amendment IX and the standards established.

Methodist Giving Below Expectations

Giving to Methodist general benevolences for the first quarter of the current fiscal year was not up to expectations, a report from the Council on World Service and Finance has revealed.

The Rev. Don A. Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of the council, said that World Service receipts for the three-month period were off 6 per cent from a similar period a year ago. The amount received in to this basic benevolence fund was $1,546,-962.24.

General Advance Specials were: World Missions, $1,171,638.21, up 2.81%; National Missions, $265,-175.31, off 1.18%; Overseas Relief, $166,548.88, up 38.47%.

Emory Offers TV Preaching Course

The first full-time seminary course in TV preaching in the U. S. will be established at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta.

Dr. G. Ray Jordan, who will teach the course, had this comment: "Fifty years ago the minister could spend 10 minutes introducing his subject. He can't do that now . . . He needs the skills and techniques of modern communications. Even if a minister never preaches on television, he must preach to congregations conditioned by it."

30,000 Sign Petition

The first 30,000 signatures on Methodist petitions for the "Race for Peace" were presented to the White House Sept. 11. They expressed support for President Kennedy's year-old challenge to the Soviet Union for a peace race instead of an arms race.

Backs Sterilization

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Endorsement of the Fauquier (Warrenton, Va.) Hospital's maternal care program, including sterilization of mothers who request it, was given by Bishop John Wesley Lord of the Washington Area. The hospital's provisions, under some fire here, implement the nation's first statute specifically authorizing voluntary sterilization, passed in 1961 by Virginia.

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COUNCIL TO HOLD ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

J. Irwin Miller, president of the National Council of Churches, will be guest speaker at the 15th Annual Assembly of the Florida Council of Churches in Daytona Beach, Oct. 23-24. The meetings will be at the Tourist Church.

He will address a mass rally in Oct. 23 and will lead a forum at an early breakfast the next morning, welcoming questions relating to the work of the National Council of Churches.

Mr. Miller is a Columbus, Ind., manufacturer and a layman of the Christian (Disciples) brotherhood.

Christian Vocations Conference Scheduled

The Conference on Christian Vocations will be held at the Methodist Youth Camp, Oct. 26-28, beginning with the evening meal Friday and ending with the noon meal Sunday.

The conference is for high school juniors and seniors, college students, working young people and young adults who have decided to work in full-time Christian vocations.

The Rev. Richard H. Bauer, Nashville, executive secretary of the Inter-Board Committee on Christian Vocations, will serve as resource person and worship leader for the conference.

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Breaking ground for a new educational unit at Seminole Church, St. Petersburg, are James Taylor (left), the Rev. Leslie E. Rabb, pastor, and Jesse E. Johnson.

Additional Classrooms Underway at Seminole

Seminole Church, St. Petersburg, broke ground August 5 for a 13-room addition to their educational facilities.

The $110,000 project is made up of two units flanking the present educational facilities, which were constructed in 1948.

Included in the new unit will be five rooms for children, seven for youth, and two for adults. Extensive remodeling also is being done to the existing educational unit and offices.

The Rev. Leslie E. Rabb is pastor of the church and the Rev. C. Edward Murfin, associate pastor. James Taylor is building committee chairman, Jesse E. Johnson is chairman of the official board, and Arnett Brown, lay leader.

Leaders of Church Schools To Confer

The Church School Administrators Conference will be held Oct. 26-28 at the Leesburg Youth Camp, beginning with registration at 2:30 p.m. Friday and ending with the noon meal Sunday.

The purpose of the conference is to aid those in leadership positions in the church school to do a better job, including promotion of the current Southeastern Jurisdiction emphasis on evangelism in the church school.

The Rev. Walter Towner, Nashville, director of the department of church school work for the General Board of Education, will serve as resource person for the conference.

Doctors Inlet Church Observes Anniversary

The Rev. Laurie G. Ray, pastor of the Green Cove Springs circuit 30 years ago which included the Doctors Inlet Church, preached at its 36th Anniversary Sunday on Sept. 9—the last time the church will observe its anniversary at the orignal location.

The church, now under the leadership of the Rev. Thomas C. Geyer, has voted to relocate on a highway site.

Mr. Ray is now West Palm Beach District superintendent.

Among those attending the anniversary service were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pressley, the first people Mr. Ray had in his first church at Dinsmore 32 years ago. Mr. Pressley served as Sunday school superintendent.

CALENDAR

Oct. 2—Conference Council on General Church School Work, Hyde Park Church, Tampa, 10:00 A. M.

Oct. 5-7—Second session, Methodist Men's Conference, Leesburg Youth Camp.

Oct. 7—Worldwide Communion Sunday

Oct. 8-12—Florida Pastor's School at Leesburg Youth Camp.

Oct. 12-14—Third session, Methodist Men's Conference, Leesburg Youth Camp.

Oct. 21—Layman's Day.

Oct. 21—World Order Sunday.

Oct. 21-27—United Nations Week.

Oct. 23-34—Annual Assembly, Florida Council of Churches, Tourist Church, Daytona Beach.

Oct. 25-31—Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Oct. 26-28—Christian Vocations Conference at Leesburg Youth Camp.

Oct. 26-28—Church School Administration's Conference, Leesburg Youth Camp.

Oct. 28—Reformation Sunday.

Oct. 28—World Service Sunday in Church School.

Oct. 29-31—Woman's Society of Christian Service executive meeting, Winter Haven.

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Pictured in the recently completed St. Paul Church building are (from left) Robert L. Storey, chairman of the building committee; Mrs. Otto Smith, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; and the Rev. Robert L. Jenkins, pastor.

Prayer Vigil Opens Building

St. Paul Church, Jacksonville, opened its new sanctuary social hall with a six-hour prayer vigil, climaxed by a midnight Holy Communion service, August 25.

The Rev. Robert L. Jenkins, minister, said: "It is fitting that our first house of worship should be opened with continuous prayer and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. It is a time of great joy for us, but also a time of great solemnity and great responsibility. We are but stewards of the Lord's property."

The building, which cost over $100,000, consists of a combination social hall and sanctuary. A permanent sanctuary, an 11-room Sunday school wing, a kitchen, restrooms, and storage space will be built later.

2nd 'BREAKTHRU' Series on Schedule

Scripting for BREAKTHRU'S second series is on schedule according to Ben T. Logan, TRAFCO story editor. Four scripts written by professional TV writers have been approved by TRAFCO executive committee.

The scripts are in the following subject areas: Why is it wrong to cheat? ("The Plain White Envelope"), Why is it wrong to lie? ("The Tangled Web of Truth") Why is authority necessary? ("The Haunted House"), The relationship of child-to-child within a family group ("Has Anybody Seen My Brother?").

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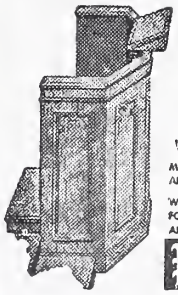
FORMER FLORIDA PASTOR TAKES CINCINNATI POST

The Rev. Maurice A. Phillips, a former pastor in the Florida Conference, has been appointed to the three-man ministerial-team of Hyde Park Community Methodist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. He will have the administrative responsibility for the program of Christian education. Mr. Phillips' pastorates in Florida included Zolfo Springs; Community Church, Lake Hamilton; and Methodist Temple, Lakeland.



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A strengthened ministry to servicemen and their families is made possible through Fellowship of Suffering and Service funds, largely donated on World-wide Communion Sunday. The offering's biggest benefactor is the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, which enabled Cuban refugee Rogelio Casiano (right) to obtain work in Chicago under the "Flight for Freedom" plan.

WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION—

Offering Supports MCOR-Sponsored Relief in Disaster Areas

Grim reminders of vital roll played by the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief occured scarcely a month before World-wide Communion Sunday (October 7) is to be observed in Christian churches throughout the world.

The worst typhoon since before World War II struck Hong Kong on Sept. 1, killing 42 persons and leaving 18,000 homeless. Church World Service an interdenominational (relief agency supported by MCOR) was there at the height of the storm distributing blankets, clothing and food.

At virtually the same time a flash flood inundated Sunchon, Korea. This disaster left 12,000 people homeless and 242 dead. Church World Service was ready with clothing, food and medical kits.

Other floods disrupted 10 million persons in East Pakistan the last week in August. Earthquakes took a heavy toll in Iran, Greece and Italy. Bloodshed marred the new independence of Algeria. In each instance Church World Service supplied large quantities of material and supplies to disaster victims as a demonstration of Christian love.

One half of the World-wide Communion Sunday offering is earmarked for this and other work of MCOR. The remainder is divided equally between the Commission on Chaplains and the Commission on Camp Activities to minister more effectively to military personnel and others who are in need of a "home church away from home."

$373,000 Allocated For Refugee Relief

The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief on Sept. 12-13 allocated $373,022 for refugee relief in the U.S., Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Church World Service will receive $101,036 — bringing MCOR'S contribution to it for the year to $342,215. Another $45,000 went to the World Council of Churches' Division of Interchurch Aid, Refugee and World Service.

Also granted were $76,936.04 in relief funds to be administered overseas by other Methodist agencies and more than $150,000 in special grants for emergency aid in Algeria, British Honduras, the Congo, France, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, South Africa and the U.S. (for the CWS Orphan Program and Cuban refugees in Florida).

NEXT ISSUE - EXCLUSIVE REPORT—

School Prayer Decision – Good or Bad?

What's Really Happening in New York

To find out the first real effects of the U. S. Supreme Court's decision outlawing use of the Regents' Prayer in New York's public schools, the **Florida Methodist** sent a questionnaire to Methodist ministers throughout the Empire State. The questions were simple and direct: What type of prayer did your schools use last year? What are they using this year? The results are now in. These first immediate effects of the court's decision may unite those Methodists who have differed philosophically on the merits and the magnitude of the prayer decision. They give the first clear indications of what the answer may be to that question we are all asking: "Supreme Court's Prayer decision — Was It Really Good or Bad?"

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The Bishop Calls—

Dear Readers of the Florida Methodist—

You will be interested in this paragraph from a letter received from one of our district superintendents in Cuba. "Last Monday we started the new work in Baracoa Beach. We had 66 present. Fifteen people accepted Christ as Lord and Saviour. We have great possibilities. The choir of our church in Bauta is singing every night in the churches we are visiting. They are making a great contribution to our revival services. In Santa Fe Beach, in spite of the rain, we had 44 people present. In Punta Brava we had 60 and five people accepted Christ. Last night in Bauta under a heavy rain, 80 people came to church. It was a great service. We called them to Christian Discipleship and 75 answered. Fifteen of them decided to attend the institute for lay preachers to be held in University Church, Oct. 1-7. After the service we had the quarterly conference with inspiring reports. The service started at 8:30 p. m. and the quarterly conference ended at 11:00 p.m., and 90 percent of the congregation was present for the whole program, in spite of the fact that we were dismissed with a benediction after the sermon. They were invited to attend and they stayed. On Saturday we will start the new Methodist work in San Juan y Martinez."

This is what happens with your Advance Specials gifts to Cuba. Because I am deeply concerned that this evangelistic program go on and that the cross of Christ be held aloft, I am deeply grateful for the support that is being given by many of our churches, Sunday school classes, and individuals. There is still not enough, but the work goes on.

During this year we are observing throughout Methodism the heart-warming experience of John Wesley at the Moravian prayer meeting on Aldersgate Street. The little man, frightened and despondent, was literally born again that night. It was the redeeming grace of Christ and the witness of the Spirit which he proclaimed to the hungry hearts of the people of the British Isles. He was bitterly opposed by most of the religious leaders of the day. He was set upon by mobs of ruffians. But gradually the peoples of the land began to understand that what he said was true. They witnessed miracles of transformation in lives of their neighbors. And The Methodist Church was born.

We are not seeking to *commemorate* the heart-warming experience of John Wesley. We are seeking to *rediscover* it in the life of the whole church.

To this end each district and each local church within the conference is planning special periods of Bible study, of visitation, and of preaching evangelism. This is not a formality — a routine. It is our united effort to deepen our spiritual experiences and to rekindle the fires upon the altars of our hearts.

My prayer is that this Conference Year, 1962-63, will be the richest in the spiritual history of Florida Methodism. This can happen only when we place our lives upon the altar, devoutly desiring to be what He wants us to be and to do what He wants us to do.

Your minister and your Commission on Membership and Evangelism are working together and praying together that this "Aldersgate Year" may be memorable in the life of our church. This can only come to pass when all of us are united in dedication and prayer.

Sincerely,
JAMES W. HENLEY

World Order Day Observed October 21

Methodists will join with other Protestants throughout the nation in emphasizing the Christian's role in a rapidly changing universe when they observe World Order Sunday, Oct. 21.

World Order Sunday begins United Nations Week, Oct. 21-27. This annual church observance calls Christians to work anew, with continued hope and faith in God, for the things that make for peace.

"In a Changing World—Christian Hope" is the theme adopted by the National Council of Churches for this year.

Methodist sharing in the program is led by the Division of Peace and World Order of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns. Herman Will, Jr., associate general secretary of the board has pointed out that "the problems of nuclear testing, the continuing arms race, conflicts in Southeast Asia and others before the U. N. call for our careful study and determined effort."

METHODISTS PROVIDE PEACE CENTER NEAR UNITED NATIONS

Methodists received acclaim from world diplomatic and church leaders at the ceremonial unveiling of the cornerstone of the new $2 million church center across the street from the United Nation office building on Sept. 23.

The 12-story center is financed by The Methodist Church but will be used by other denominations and interchurch agencies. The Board of Christian Social Concerns is providing $1.5 million for the building and the Woman's Division of Christian Service, $500,000.

Participating in the cornerstone rites were five Methodist bishops; the president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Mrs. J. Fount Tillman; and Charles C. Parlin, New York attorney and a Methodist layman who is serving as one of the six presidents of the World Council of Churches.

Using words emanating from a recent ecumenical gathering, Mr. Parlin declared:

"We rejoice that in our time so many new nations are coming to independence and self-government. True freedom for every child of God is a consequence of the Christian understanding of man. As the church insists on freedom for all, so the church must insist that all free men and nations come under the judgment of God in the use of that freedom."

FLORIDIANS PARTICIPATE

Three representatives of the Florida Conference attended the cornerstone-laying for the new church center at the U.N. They were Rep. and Mrs. Robert Mann of Tampa and Mrs. Howard V Weems of Sebring. As treasurer of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns, Mr. Mann played a major role in the planning and financing of the church center.

MOSLEM USES KORAN TEXT IN CEREMONIES

A text spoken in Arabic and taken from the Koran was part of the ceremonies unveiling the cornerstone of the new Methodist-financed church center at the United Nations.

Sir Muhammad Zafrullo Khan, a Moslem from Pakistan, who is president of the 17th U. N. General Assembly, opened his address with the text and then said: "The traditions of all churches and faiths provide the basis for the continued search for peace on earth. It is proper, therefore, that the cooperative work for peace of the churches is to be carried on from a location next to the United Nations."

Council Seeks Gifts To Restore Burned Out Churches

The National Council of Churches has announced that jointly with the Georgia Council of Churches it will welcome gifts to help build new churches for Negro congregations in Georgia whose churches were damaged or destroyed by recent burnings.

"While obviously carried out by hoodlum elements which unhappily exist not only in Georgia but in all states, the burning of these Negro churches is not only a flagrant violation of human rights, it is an act of blasphemy," The Rev. Roy G. Ross, council general secretary, declared.

Contributions for this purpose are invited from concerned Christians in all parts of the country. The gifts will be transmitted to the affected congregations with utmost speed, Mr. Ross said.

Gifts may be sent to the National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N.Y.; or to the Georgia Council of Churches, 63 Auburn Avenue Northeast, Atlanta 3, Georgia. Each should be designated as a gift to the Negro Church Restoration Fund.

A Prayer For Peace

Almighty God, our Father, it is reassuring to remember that Thou art still the ruler of our universe, and that Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace, has not lost his winsomeness. Help us to put our trust in Thee, and to believe that Christlike sharing and love are more effective in transforming enemies into friends than all the devices of nuclear science and all the strategy of diplomacy.

Give us the courage to become pioneers of peace, and to believe that our day demands a new quality of patriotism. As our forefathers gave us freedom by an adventure of faith in a new world, so may we help to bring peace in our day by an adventure of faith in a new rule of love. Amen.

HENRY W. BLACKBURN

(Taken from **At Noon of Day, Prayers for Peace**, World Affairs Ministry, Palma Ceia Methodist Church, Tampa)

Florida Southern College President Charles T. Thrift (center) congratulates the Rev. Dennis R. DeLacure following his appointment as chaplain at the college by Bishop Henley (right).

Bishop Announces 5 Pastoral Changes

Five changes in pastoral appointments were announced by Bishop James W. Henley following a meeting of his cabinet in Lakeland.

The Rev. C. B. Callaway, pastor at Umatilla since 1960, becomes executive director of the Central Florida Goodwill Industries with headquarters in Orlando.

He is succeeded at Umatilla by the Rev. Laurence L. Waterhouse, who has been associate pastor of First Church, St. Petersburg, since 1961.

The Rev. Delmas A. Copeland is now pastor of the Casselberry Community Methodist Church. Since 1959 he had been associate minister at Winter Garden.

Effective December 23, the Rev. Rupert N. Caviness, Jr., now at Emory University's Candler School of Theology, becomes pastor of the Davenport church. He succeeds the Rev. Ben Blackburn, who is now in Lakeland as associate pastor of the College Heights Church.

Also effective December 23, the Rev. Darold N. Storm, now in seminary at Emory, will become pastor of the Lake Alfred church. He will succeed the Rev. Dennis R. DeLacure who is the new chaplain of Florida Southern College.

More Directors

At least 1,800 Methodist churches in the U. S. now have full-time directors of Christian education, an increase of about 1,000 in the last five years.

"I understand he was quite a boxer before turning to the ministry."

'TOGETHER' PICKS FAMILY OF YEAR

Our cover picture is the 1962 Methodist Family-of-the-Year, a South Carolina physician and his wife and five children.

They are Dr. and Mrs. John Anthony White, Easley, S. C., and their children: Toni, 16; Martha, 13; Johnny, 10; Ann, 8; and David, 4½.

The Whites will be guests of honor at the Fourth National Methodist Conference on Family Life, in Chicago, Oct. 19-21. They were chosen by **Together,** official monthly magazine for Methodist families, from nominees from all sections of the nation.

24 Plan To Attend Family Conference

Twenty-four people are known delegates to the Fourth National Conference of the Methodist Church on Family Life in Chicago, Oct. 19-21.

The following have been reported by Nashville to the Rev. Milton Wyatt, executive secretary of the Board of Education: The Rev. and Mrs. Thomas G. Mitchell, Bradenton; the Rev. A. Dale Hagler, West Palm Beach; the Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Blackwell, Ormond Beach; Dr. and Mrs. William J. Thompson, Bradenton; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil E. Henry, Bradenton; the Rev. and Mrs. William O. McMullan, Mayo; the Rev. and Mrs. Ralph W. Rivers, Orlando; the Rev. Robert R. Lewis, Bartow; the Rev. and Mrs. Milton H. Holloway, Fruitland Park; the Rev. and Mrs. Gary W. Buhl, Ft. Lauderdale; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Detweiler, Lakeland; Mr. and Mrs. J. Roland Smith, St. Petersburg; Mrs. Helen Kluthe, Miami, and the Rev. T. Newton Wise, Plant City.

100,000 U. S. Churches Plan To Hold 'Laymen's Day' Services Next Sunday

Laymen will take charge of worship services in more than 100,000 U.S. churches on Oct. 21, Laymen's Day in the Methodist Church and many other Protestant denominations.

Theme of this year's Laymen's Day observance is "As Good Stewards."

Methodists were among the earliest observers of a laymen's Sunday, according to Dr. Don L. Calame, a Methodist who is now serving as director of United Church Men. He said this year an estimated 400,000 men will take part in such services.

A prominent Presbyterian layman, James C. Stewart of Wilmington, Del., will speak Oct. 21 on "Church of the Air," weekly CBS radio religious program.

SPEAKERS DECLARE—

Praying, Witnessing Laymen Needed

Laymen attending the first two sessions of the Methodist Men's Conferences were called upon again and again to give new meaning to prayer and to witness unmistakenly for Christ in their daily lives. Speaker after speaker — bishops, ministers and laymen — emphasized that Christianity began as a lay movement and that laymen are still the source of its strength today.

Bishop Frank

Church Said Needing 'Dimension of Depth'

The Christian church has conquered geography, but now it must conquer man's inner soul, said Bishop Eugene M. Frank of St. Louis at the first session of the Methodist Men's Conferences.

Missionaries have spread the Gospel to virtually every area of the earth, he said, but man's conduct has not been dramatically changed.

He said Christianity must penetrate to the source of our decisions and conduct so that a doubting world can see by our lives what the Kingdom of God will be like when it comes into reality.

Christians leading so-called "good lives" are witnessing to their lack of faith by their inactivity, declared Clare N. Pettit, conference lay leader of Southern California-Nevada Conference.

He claimed there was no way for a man to escape from witnessing. He said we are giving our approval to the moral deficiencies of our day by permitting them to go on unchallenged.

Bishop Henley expressed the fear that democracy has never been so threatened as it is today. The threat of communism is not as great, he said, as the threat of our separating democracy from the spiritual tenants upon which it was founded.

"When its spiritual foundation is removed, democracy loses its character and its stamina," he asserted.

The Rev. Thomas A. Carruth, director of the Spiritual Life Movement of the E. Stanley Jones Foundation, deplored unchristian conduct by professing Christians.

"The people who hurt me most are Christians," he said.

A layman must serve God with his heart, his head and his heals, declared the Rev. J. Wallace Hamilton, St. Petersburg.

What God is after first is the heart, he said, since Christianity isn't a philosophy but a way of life. After dedicating hearts, he continued, we must put out minds into our faith and then put it to work by becoming a foot-soldier—a missionary and a witness.

Glenn W. Gold, Miami, associate conference lay leader, presided at the first session of the Methodist Men's Conferences in place of R. Howard Berg, who was in Europe. At left are district lay leaders present at the first night's session, (from left): Robert T. Mann, Tampa; Tom Slade, Starke; M. L. Turbeville, Sarasota; Hubert Talton, DeLand; Edd W. Gentry, Jacksonville; John Sargeant, Lakeland; and Madison Pacetti, West Palm Beach.

EDITORIAL—

Supreme Court's Prayer Ruling--A Second Look

"What you do speaks so loudly, I can't hear what you say."

This expression, often used to describe Christian character, may also prove useful in appraising the real effects of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling which banned the use of the state-supported Board of Regents' Prayer in New York public schools.

Initially, we supported the decision — based on what it said. Now, after seeing what it is doing, we are taking a second look. We are not particularly pleased with the way it is applied in numerous New York schools.

On the adjoining page is a first-hand report from a number of Methodist ministers in New York on the effects of the court's decision in their communities. The responses represent school situations in small towns, medium-sized cities and metropolitan centers. Although the number is too small to give a comprehensive picture of New York's entire school system, there is a strong indication that a dramatic change has occurred as a result of the court's ruling.

Many Schools Have No Prayer Time

Two points stand out clearly:

(1) A year ago a vast majority of the schools began the day with some form of prayer, principally the Board of Regents' prayer.

(2) This year an equally large majority has no prayer time at all.

Such a change suggests that the actual effect of the Supreme Court's decision — as many of its critics feared — is far more sweeping than its wording. Although the justices pointed out that their decision was not anti-religious, the net result has been to deny an opportunity for school prayers in many communities that previously had them.

Supreme Court Is Not Responsible

This denial of an opportunity for children to engage in prayer as they open their school day is not the fault of the Supreme Court. The court's decision left the local communities ample latitude for substitutes to the Board of Regents' prayer. It did not ban spontaneous prayers, Biblical prayers, silent prayers or prayers composed by religious leaders. It banned only those prayers written and authorized, even for use on a voluntary basis, by those officially governing the schools.

Judging by the comments of the New York ministers, the Board of Regents' prayer was no great loss. Many considered it a symbol of watered-down religion rather than a bulwark of faith. The regretable thing is that it was replaced by a religious vacuum in so many instances. By allotting no time for prayer, the schools place themselves squarely on the side of secularism — the idea that religion isn't important — which may be the greatest threat to our faith today.

Religion Is Part of Our Heritage

American tradition presumes that its people are religious, just as they are presumed to be innocent before the bar of justice. Whether or not the facts eventually support such presumptions does not alter their importance. They are a basic part of our heritage.

In attempting to protect the integrity of prayer, by guarding against its enforced observance, we must not ally ourselves with secular forces which would contribute to prayer's extinction. We commend those communities which have left the door open for sincere prayers during school hours. In our view they have heeded both the Constitution and the admonition: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them; for of such belongs the Kingdom of God." (RSV).

BY MAGAZINE—

North-South Exchange Of Pastors Proposed

An official magazine of The Methodist Church has proposed a three-year pastoral exchange between ministers in the South and the North in the interest of developing a better understanding of the critical race tensions in sensitive areas.

Christian Advocate, the denomination's bi-weekly publication for ministers and church leaders, devoted three pages of its Sept. 27 issue to a special report on the Albany, Ga. crisis in race relations and an editorial commenting on "The Albany Story" and advocating the North-South pulpit exchanges as one way of creating better understanding of the situation.

"We tend to forget," the editorial says "that one cannot fully comprehend all the exigencies of any situation unless there is personal involvement."

The kind of personal involvement the **Christian Advocate** calls for on the part of the clergy involves a long-range program of pastoral exchanges between ministers in the church's North Central and Northwestern Jurisdictions and an equal number of Southern pastors.

The editorial stipulates that the clergymen involved in such an exchange program should "have a sense of mission on race relations."

In addition to the proposed change of fields of labor between northern and southern pastors, the editorial says, "Some thought could also be given to offering exchange opportunities between the geographic jurisdictions and the Central (Negro) Jurisdiction."

"Here is 20th-century pioneering that calls for sacrifice and devotion equal to that of the physical frontiers of the last century," the editorial declares.

"Out of such an exchange program would come understanding of other points of view and an appreciation of what is involved in responsible leadership resolving an issue which tears at the very heart of the church," the editorial concludes.

IN MANY NEW YORK COMMUNITIES—

Regents' Prayer Replaced By No Prayer At All

A year ago millions of children in New York State public schools began the school day by reciting this prayer: "Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our country."

This year the now-famous Board of Regents' prayer is no longer in use because of a U. S. Supreme Court decision banning it as a form of state-prescribed religion. The court's decision stirred up a nationwide controversy, but what was its effects upon the New York schools?

To help find the answer to this question for its readers, the **Florida Methodist** polled 72 New York Methodist ministers to determine the practices followed in their communities. Seventeen ministers responded to the survey, reporting on 22 school situations. (In some cases there was more than one practice followed in the community's school or schools).

The answers indicated that at the beginning of this school year there was a profound change from a year ago in most of the communities. A year ago 15 of the 22 school situations had a prayer of some form — virtually all of them using the Board of Regents' prayer. This year the picture was reversed, 15 of 22 school situations provided for no prayer time at all.

Four schools alloted time for silent prayer and meditation, a solution recommended by Governor Rockefeller. One provided for a spontaneous prayer, one left the question up to the teacher, and one used a prayer in its classrooms that was prepared by the local ministerial association.

The responses are from a cross-section of New York communities: New York, Albany, Buffalo, Webster, Clifton Springs, Kenmore, Walworth, Bergen, Angelica and many others.

Those ministers expressing their viewpoints showed no regrets at the voiding of the Board of Regent's prayer, which could be considered as much a symptom of the school prayer problem as a solution to it.

"I find myself heartily in agreement with the Supreme Court decision regarding the Regents' Prayer for I do not believe any agency of government has the Constitutional right to prescribe a form of worship," wrote Paul F. Abel, pastor of First Church, Flushing.

"The way it was used was not very meaningful," he continued. "If the court bans all prayer, beyond the governmentally prescribed ones, then I would take exception, but not in this case."

TYPE OF PRAYER USED IN SCHOOLS
(17 New York State Communities)

	Year Ago	This Year
Board of Regents' Prayer	13	0
Spontaneous Prayer	0	1
Silent Prayer or Meditation	1	4
Biblical Prayer (Lord's Prayer, Psalms)	1	0
Other: (Up to Teacher)	1	1
(Ministerial Association Prayer)	0	1
None	6	15
	22	22

Mr. Abel reported Scripture readings were still part of the school's opening ceremonies, but not prayers.

A similar view was expressed by the Rev. Robert A. Jones, pastor of University Methodist, Buffalo.

"The Supreme Court decision is in keeping with our Protestant heritage," he said. "It unmasks much of the superficiality of American piety and presents a challenge to the church to proclaim the gospel as affecting all of life, not just a 'religious calisthentic'."

The Rev. Robert C. Schrock, pastor of the Methodist Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew in New York City, suggested that children could be provided with prayers written by their parents or pastor to be read during a period of silent meditation.

As for the Board of Regents' prayer, he said:

"It is my opinion that dropping of the Regents' prayer is not significant since it was obviously written to satisfy the objections of every major religious sect. It therefore has no specific character and, from a Christian point of view, leaves much to be desired."

Although a number of communities turned to a period of silent prayer, the Rev. D. E. Shields of First Church, Portville, wrote: "We feel that silent prayer for little children without religious training is ridiculous."

Mr. Shields said his community was using a prayer designed by the ministerial association.

"No problem here," wrote the Rev. Glenn A. Crafts of Christ Church, Snyder, about the prayer decision. Last year the schools in his community used no prayers. This year one of them has adopted the practice of a spontaneous prayer.

"The prayer was nonsense to begin with and most people in this area so recognized it," Mr. Crafts wrote. "The Supreme Court was right and I am grateful to it."

CHANCE OF CURE OVER-EMPHASIZED IN ALCOHOLISM

Over-emphasis on the "cure" of alcoholism rather than its prevention is defeating all efforts to reduce it as a national health problem, Mrs. Fred J. Tooze, president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, charged at its national convention in Miami last month.

She noted that hospitalization to cure alcoholics has been ineffective in 83 per cent of the cases. An average of 56,579 new alcoholics a year are committee to mental hospitals, it was reported.

Other statistics showed that the alcoholic beverage industry does a $1.3 million-an-hour business in this nation. Mrs. Tooze said these statistics demonstrate "an enemy boring from within at the very foundation of our national life."

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AROUND THE DISTRICTS—

Missionary Materials for Youth Provided at Seminars

Reports on Educational Seminars are incomplete, but indications are that they have been well attended and that some interesting results will follow the presentations of the study materials for the coming year. Included have been missionary materials for children and youth, both world and national, and the program materials for monthly and circle meetings for woman's society and guild.

These are in addition to the four adult study on world and national missions, spiritual life, Christian social relations, and the church-wide study. The woman's society does not have a separate program of missionary education for children and youth, but cooperates with the church school and the MYF in this field of endeavor.

Lakeland District has scheduled Children's Institute for more specialized study of missionary materials to be held Nov. 2 in Lakeland and Nov. 8 in Clermont. Identical programs will be presented. Mrs. John Sargeant, Lakeland, district secretary of children's work, will have charge of the institute, and she will be leader for the primary department; Mrs. J. R. Grant of Clermont will conduct the junior department study. Mrs William Saari, of Lakeland, will assist both Mrs. Sargeant and Mrs. Grant, and major emphasis will be on the world study, which concerns Hong Kong and Korea.

Orlando District included in the program for the seminar held Sept. 13 in Winter Garden a class for ministers on the church-wide study. Twenty-eight ministers attended the class taught by the host pastor, the Rev. Roy Ben Ridley.

The district secretaries of missionary education and service, who are chiefly responsible for the presentation of the seminars are: Deland—Mrs. Joe Tolle, DeLand; Gainesville—Mrs. W. M. Ives, Lake City; Jacksonville—Mrs. Grady Holbert, Atlantic Beach; Lakeland — Mrs. James Humphries, Lakeland; Miami—Mrs. L. V. Hedgecoth, Miami; Orlando—Miss Isabel Hardie, Orlando; St. Petersburg—Mrs. Grace Campbell, St. Petersburg; Sarasota—Miss Clara V. Mahler, Bradenton; Tallahassee—Mrs. John Davenport, Perry; Tampa—Mrs. F. M. Dugger, Tampa; West Palm Beach —Mrs. Irvin Tynan, Eau Gallie.

Names Omitted

The names of Mrs. L. M. Hargrove, St. Augustine, and Mrs. Leroy Northrup, Ormond Beach were inadvertently omitted from the account of Circle Y activities last month. Mrs. Hargrove is secretary of youth work for the Deland District under whose direct supervision the circles have operated during the past year. Mrs. Northrup was conference secretary of youth work at the time the program was conceived and she and Mrs. Hargrove worked together to put it into effect.

Luncheon Held

The first district-wide World World Federation Luncheon for the members of the Gainesville District Woman's Society and Guild took place Oct. 4 at Camp O'Leno on the Santa Fe River. The Rev. Tom Price, pastor of the Crystal River Church, was speaker for the occasion, which included also presentation of the film, "World Wide Friends."

Sixty-six women, representing 17 churches, heard Mr. Price recount his experiences at the meetings of the World Federation of Methodist Women and the World Council of Methodist Churches last year in Oslo, Norway.

Mrs. L. A. Gaitanis, Gainesville, was chairman for the luncheon and had charge of planning and arrangements.

Joint Retreat

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Deland, Lakeland and Orlando Districts will hold a joint spiritual life retreat Oct. 20-21 at the Methodist Youth Camp, Leesburg.

Expected to be present are the following leaders, resource persons and guests: Mrs. David Cathcart, Cocoa, immediate past president of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society and Guild; Mrs. Thelma Damewood, Hialeah, immediate past conference chairman of spiritual life, WSG; Miss Martha Chapman, Tallahassee, past conference chairman of spiritual life, WSG; the Rev. S. L. Clermont, retired minister; and Mrs. Luther Ray, conference secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild.

Plans are being perfected by the district secretaries of Wesleyan Service Guild and the district chairmen of spiritual life for the three districts, who are: DeLand—Miss Lavada Sanders, Palatka, secretary, Mrs. Frank Latford, Daytona Beach, chairman. Lakeland—Mrs. Alice Lockmiller, Clermont, secretary, Miss Elsie Parker, Lakeland, chairman; Orlando —Mrs. Hulda Nasworthy, Orlando, secretary, Mrs. Janet Purcell, Orlando, chairman. Mrs. B. M. Hillyer, Eustis, is president of the district Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild.

Women's Program Grows in Okinawa

In Okinawa, where 80 per cent of the members of the United Church of Christ are women, the status of the women's program is particularly important. A recent report from Okinawa gives encouraging news — women's work is strong and is growing.

The United Church represents a merger of several Protestant traditions, among them Methodist. The Methodist group is the largest among the American missionary force working with the United Church, which has 2,081 members in 18 churches.

3 New Community Workers Appointed

Three new Church and Community Workers have entered the Florida Conference since Sept. 1. They are Miss Barbara Miller in the Branford area of the Gainesville District; Miss Mary Hubbard, who has her headquarters at DeBary in the DeLand District; and Miss Emily Cunningham working in the Tallahassee District.

These young women are employed by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and are, in effect, home missionaries. Materials for their work are supplied by the conference woman's society. Their work is principally with the circuit churches, or other small churches.

Mrs. W. L. Tedder, Live Oak, is chairman of the conference committee of church and community work, which was re-activated just a year ago.

CONFERENCE BANNER RELINQUISHED TO OHIO

The Florida Conference was runner-up in the 1962 spring competition for new combination subscriptions to **Methodist Woman** and **World Outlook,** relinquishing the conference banner to the Ohio Conference.

Women Seek Special Objectives In Week of Prayer, Self-Denial

As it does each year, the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, when Methodist Women join in prayer and sacrificial giving for special objectives, comes the last week in October.

A "Quiet Day" for re-dedication, a program of information about the projects to receive aid, and a special offering, with daily prayers for the recipients comprise the week-long observance.

In this 20th celebration, the offerings of prayer and money are for three foriegn field projects and four in the U.S. Overseas projects are medical work and primary education in Hong Kong, district dormitories in Korea, and woman's work in Okinawa. U. S. projects are a fund for educational institutions, gymnasium for Navajo Methodist Mission School, dormitory for Holding Institute, and classroom building for Boylan-Mather Academy.

Two of these projects are of special interest to Florida women. One of our Florida girls, Delores Mae Miller, whose home is in Perry, is a short-term missionary-teacher in Hong Kong. The Boylan-Mather Academy in Camden, S. C., was formed when Boylan-Haven School for Girls, a project of the Woman's Division then located in Jacksonville, was combined with the Browning Home and Mather Academy in Camden, South Carolina, in 1958.

Woman's Society Supports UNICEF

The Woman's Society of Christian Service believes in UNICEF.

Criticism of the practice of soliciting cash contributions for UNICEF by school children instead of the traditional "trick or treat" on Hallowe'en has been incurred, in part, because of lack of proper adult supervision and preparation locally. This can be overcome when the church and woman's society are interested enough to fully undertake the program.

In response to criticism leveled against the organization itself, the district and local secretaries in the Christian Social Relations Clinic at last July's School of Missions and Christian Service attempted to find answers to some of the charges and have circulated a letter with their findings to the local secretaries.

Some of the facts contained in this letter show that in 1960 over 56 million children and mothers received UNICEF assistance. Ninety-eight governments contributed to the fund, including recipient governments which are required to match UNICEF funds.

In the past 10 years, only two communist governments have received UNICEF assistance — Poland and Yugoslavia — and that assistance amounts to only 2.8 per cent of the total allocations made to UNICEF during the whole period. In 1960 there were nine communist nations among the 98 countries making voluntary contributions to UNICEF, totaling $942,576. The two communist governments received $726,000, which they were required to match.

VISITATION PROGRAM

The American Bible Society will provide half a million copies of Scriptures for distribution in Guatemala in house-to-house visitation programs to be undertaken later this year in connection with a campaign of evangelism.

'No Time To Quit,' Says Mrs. Sessions After 52 Years of Service to WSCS

BY MILDRED KISER

"There is no time to quit in the Lord's work. Even if you're on a bed of affliction you can spread influence for the Maker", so stated Mrs. F. K. Sessions after 52 years of work in the Woman's Society of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Sessions began life in a Methodist parsonage in Montgmery, Ala., the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. George F. Fisher. She has served as teacher of children and youth and as superintendent of divisions in the local church. She has helped to organize woman's societies in Georgia and Florida, serving as local president in both states, and is a charter member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

In June Mrs. Sessions completed 12½ years as a member of the executive committee of the Lakeland and Sarasota District woman's societies. She has served as secretary of spiritual life, missionary education and service, supply work, and most recently of Christian social relations.

Mr. and Mrs. Sessions

Mr. and Mrs. Sessions are both members of the official board of First Church, Wauchula. She is chairman of the commission on Christian social concerns and the church committee on hospitals and homes.

News From The Churches

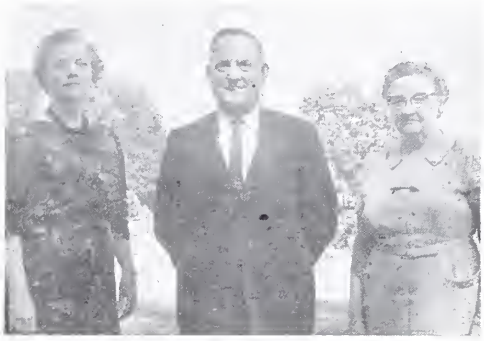
MYF'ERS WASH CHURCH

A new type of "work day" was initiated at Highland City Church recently. Instead of mowing, sweeping or discarding old materials, nine MYFers spent their Saturday washing the entire exterior of the white frame church.

MUSIC DIRECTOR JOINS STAFF

Fred Harrison, formerly of St. Paul's Church, Tallahassee, has been appointed director of music at Southside Church, Jacksonville.

Mr. Harrison is an honor graduate in music from Florida State University and is secretary-treasurer of the Florida Chapter of the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians.



...Administrators

ATTEND BUSINESS CONFERENCE

Three members of the Florida Conference attended the recent Church Business Administrators Conference at Lake Junaluska. Roy E. Berry, center, Tallahassee, is the new president. Others attending were Mrs. Mildred Edenfield, left, Jacksonville and Mrs. Lula H. Rich, Gainesville.

YOUNG ORGANIST SERVES

Winslow Hall, 14-year-old organ student, is serving as guest organist at Grace Church, West Palm Beach for a six week period. Mrs. Dring, organist at Calvary Church, Lake Worth, is his teacher.

...Important Step

LEHIGH CHURCH TAKES STEP

Christ Church, LeHigh Acres, underwent an important step with the placement of a sign on the future site of the church.

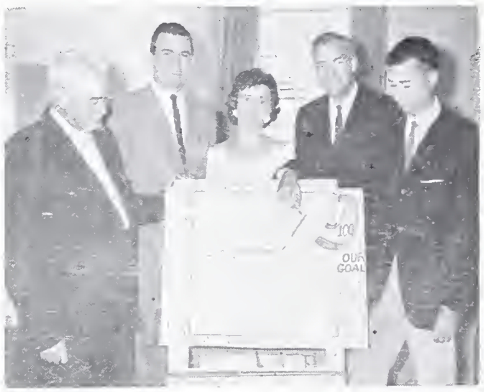
Assisting in the placement of the sign are the Rev. A. W. Pugh, co-pastor, Sterling Baxter, Roger Miller, David L. Deen, John W. Tennyson and Harold Boman, all members of the congregation. Services are presently being held in the LeHigh Acres Civic Auditorium.

...At Miami

ESTATE BEQUEATHED TO CHURCH

Col. and Mrs. Clyde Hale, Allapattah Church, Miami, have bequeathed a major portion of their estate for work in Christian education. The fund, designated as the "Christian Service Endowment Loan Fund," will assist by loans, deserving college students who plan to dedicate their lives to full time Christian service.

In the picture Col. and Mrs. Hale present a copy of the will to the Rev. A. A. Koestline, present pastor at Allapattah.



...Attendance gains

CHURCH HAS 71 CHARTER MEMBERS

Seventy-one charter members joined Crystal Lake Church, Lakeland, when it was organized on Sept. 16. The church pledged $100 to World Service and joined in the "1 in 10" subscription plan to the **Florida Methodist** on its first day.

Church school attendance also spurted to 85 on that day. Church School Supt. Philip Garland (right) records the gain in the photo above. Others shown are (from left): Ted Anderson, lay leader; the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Courtoy; and the Rev. John J. Rooks, district superintendent.

EDUCATION DIRECTOR APPOINTED

The Rev. Richard G. Wiggins has been appointed director of Christian education at First Church, Ft. Myers. Mr. Wiggins attended Madison High School, Florida, Emory-at-Oxford, and received his B.A. degree from Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky. He attended Emory University and received his B.D. degree from Candler School of Theology. Mr. Wiggins has previously served First Methodist Church, Athens, Ga., and as director of Christian education in Hapeville Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

RECITAL INTRODUCES NEW ORGAN

Edge Memorial Church, Groveland, presented an organ recital on the new Allen organ on the evening after the consecration service of its newly remodeled church. The Rev. Trall Heitzenrater, pastor of First Church, Clermont, and an accomplished organist, gave the recital.

GUESTS OF NEGRO CHURCH

The Rev. Charles L. Herron, Silver Palm Church, Princeton, was the guest speaker for a special service recently at the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Goulds. He was accompanied by two laymen from his church, John Flemming and Howard Crow.

'FLEET NIGHT' OBSERVED

"Fleet Night" was observed recently at Beach Church, Jacksonville Beach. The church extended a special invitation to personnel of all navy and coast guard ships and installations in the area. Assisting the Rev. Donald W. Jones, pastor, were Chaplain R. W. Odell, of the aircraft carrier Shangri-La and Chaplain Hubert Vinson of the Mayport Naval Station.

FINEST PEOPLE IN TOWN

The Rev. Ed Dinkins, pastor of First Church, Frostproof, long has maintained that many of the finest people in town are members of his congregation. Therefore, he was "not too surprised" when the local Lion's Club picked Gay Lynn Shearer, a MYF member, as "Miss Frostproof" and Arthur Davis, chairman of the new sanctuary building committee, as "Mr. Frostproof."

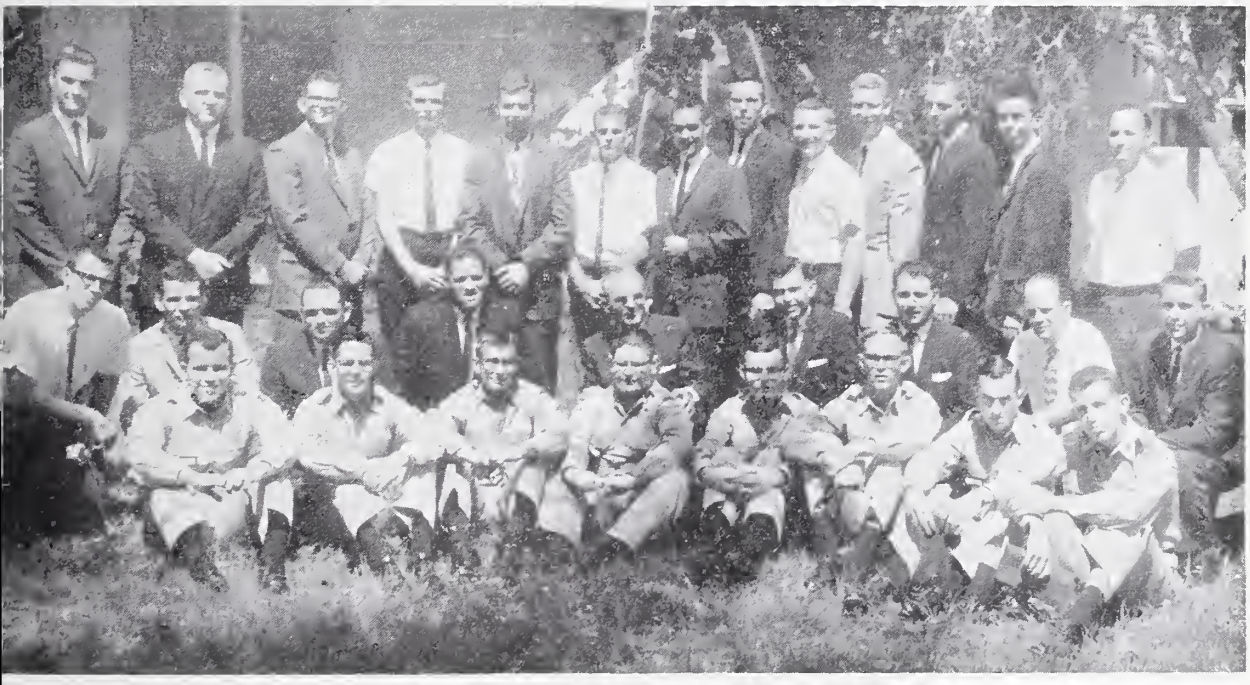
...At Bowling Green

EDUCATIONAL UNITS UNDERWAY

Groundbreaking for the new educational units and fellowship hall at Bowling Green was held September 23.

"The one thing I noticed about the ground was that it wasn't frozen like the perma frost ground where I broke ground for our church plant in Alaska (that is at Nome)", the Rev. Gerald McCray, Bowling Green pastor, commented.

Shown in the picture are left to right, B. J. Johnson, co-chairman of the building committee, Mr. McCray, pastor, the Rev. H. H. Waller, Sarasota District superintendent, and Mrs. Waller.



Pre-ministerial students enrolled at Florida Southern College are shown with Bishop Henley after a special luncheon in their honor given by the college and the board of ministerial training of the Lakeland District. The Florida Conference's 11 district superintendents also attended the luncheon. Those in the picture are: First row (left to right), H. Marvin Anthony, Bascom Carlton, Dave Honeycutt, Billy Hazelwood, Jim Owens, Gary Gammill, Henry Deal, Douglas Young. Second row: A. E. "Sonny" Overton, Ken Fairbanks, Jennings Neeld, Marvin Buckner, Bishop Henley, John C. Raeburn, Ernest C. Schrpino, Z. E. Thompson, Jr., Gerald E. Martell. Third row: Charles Roberts, George F. Ivey, Jr., Fred C. Bonsteel, Larry Loveday, Bob A. Smith, Dick Willis, John Wagner, Charles Beardon, Raleigh Bailey, Fred Van Lengen, Jr., Bob Campbell, Roy Harris, and Franklin V. George.

SMU Admits First Negro Undergraduate

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, has admitted its first full-time Negro student in its undergraduate program.

Dr. Willis Tate, SMU president, observed that the university "has enrolled students without regard to race or religion in the Perkins School of Theology since 1948." Since that time, he said, this admission practice has been effected in other schools of the university.

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TRINITY CHURCH, GAINESVILLE

...New structure to seat 350

IN GAINESVILLE—

Trinity Consecrates New Building

Consecration ceremonies for Trinity Church, Gainesville, were held recently with the Rev. W. J. Lewis, the church's first pastor, delivering the sermon.

Assisting in the services were the Rev. Robert M. Temple, Jr., present pastor, the Rev. Fred Martin, First Church, Gainesville, the sponsoring church; and the Rev. J. E. McKinley, district superintendent.

Built at a cost of $58,000, the new concrete-block structure seats approximately 350. It contains the sanctuary, which will later serve as the fellowship hall; the pastor's office; his secretary's office; a "cry-room"; several classrooms; a kitchen and restrooms.

Deaths

The Rev. Victor Oliver White, 90, who moved to the Bartow area 23 years ago after retiring from the Missouri Conference, died Oct. 1 at a Lakeland nursing home. In the 47 years of his active ministry, he served as pastor of 11 churches, district superintendent of three districts, and as a faculty member at Central College, Fayette, Mo. Survivors include two sons, Victor L. White of Jacksonville and Robert C. White of Lakeland; a daughter, Mrs. C. W. Shaw of Oconomowoc, Wis.; a brother, Pritchett F. White of Monroe City, Mo., and Bartow; three sisters, Miss Finnie White and Mrs. G. N. Neal of Bartow, and Mrs. Neil Landrum of Hunnewell, Mo.; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

$250,000 MORE AUTHORIZED FOR AUDITORIUM

A special session of the Florida Annual Conference has authorized an additional $250,000 for construction of the Branscomb Memorial Auditorium on the campus of Florida Southern College.

The 600 ministers and lay delegates at the special meeting in Leesburg on Oct. 8 also authorized trustees of the college and the conference building committee to proceed at once with construction of the building.

The revised cost of the 1,812-seat auditorium is $760,000 over $100,000 less than the original low bid submitted by Templins, Inc., Lakeland, who will be the contractor. Florida Methodists have already raised $470,000 for its construction.

CALENDAR

Oct. 21—Layman's Day.
Oct. 21—World Order Sunday.
Oct. 21-27—United Nations Week
Oct. 23-24— Annual Assembly, Florida Council of Churches. Tourist Church, Daytona Beach.
Oct. 25-31—Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, Womans Society of Christian Service.
Oct. 26-28—Christian Vocations Conference at Leesburg Youth Camp.
Oct. 26-28—Church School Administrator's Conference, Leesburg Youth Camp.
Oct. 28—Reformation Sunday.
Oct 28—World Service Sunday in Church School.
Oct. 29-31—Woman's Society of Christian Service executive meeting, Winter Haven.

MIRAMAR CHURCH COMPLETED
...Opening services held Sept. 16

3 MORE PLANNED—

Miramar Church Completes First Unit

Opening services for Miramar Church, West Hollywood, were conducted on Sept. 16. The Rev. George A. Foster, district superintendent, led in the Act of Consecration.

The present structure, first of four units to be built, includes a 208-seat chapel, social hall and overflow space, three class rooms, kitchen, pastor's study, and choir room. The air-conditioned and completely furnished building was constructed at a cost of $55,000.

The church, organized in 1960 by Henry Hazel, a local preacher, has been meeting in a community recreation hall for the past two years.

11 Churches Participate In United Youth Week

First Church, Punta Gorda, was host to a united youth week sponsored jointly by six denominations, with 11 churches participating.

Denominations represented were Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Church of God, Assembly of God and Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. Miles DePagter, Grace Church, Venice, was the inspirational speaker.

Teachers were: William A. Sheppard, Jr., Ft. Myers, Presbyterian; the Rev. Singletary, Punta Gorda, Church of the Nazarene; the Rev. and Mrs. Dale Hayward, Port Charlotte, Methodist; and Mrs. Ann Kelly, Fort Charlotte, Methodist.

CONFERENCE STILL LEADS IN GROWTH

The Florida Conference has maintained its reputation as the fastest growing in Methodism during the 1961-62 Conference Year.

Figures supplied the Rev. Don A. Cooke, general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, show that Florida's net membership increase of 11,848 was well ahead of the next highest conference. It was down from 13,325 a year ago, however.

Based on conference records reported in the **Christian Advocate**, Florida also led Methodism in the increase reported for church school enrollment with 3,862.

CHURCH and WORLD

By GEORGE HILL
Minister of World Affairs
Palma Ceia Church, Tampa

Question — Has disarmament ever worked?

Answer—As I look about me, I see that my colleagues and my neighbors do not have guns strapped on their hips today. We do not find it necessary to be armed.

A look at the television screen indicates that this has not always been the case in American communities. Law was established and disarmament accomplished within the towns and the states with great difficulty. Many of the arguments made against world disarmament today are identical to those used by opposition in the past, as man moved from one level of disarmament to the next.

The world is the only level of community where armament rather than disarmament remains the normal way of life. This armed condition of the world, not the disarmed condition in the lower levels of community, is our major source of insecurity and danger today.

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Forty years of change in church architecture is dramatically illustrated by these two pictures of the Edge Memorial Church Groveland. One shows how the building looked six months ago before remodeling, and one shows how it looks today.

INSIDE AND OUT—

Extensive Remodeling Transforms Groveland Cnurch

Edge Memorial Church, Groveland, recently finished extensive remodeling which completely transformed the appearance of its sanctuary — both inside and out.

Opening services for the new sanctuary were held Sept. 30 with the Rev. John J. Rooks, Lakeland District superintendent, delivering the sermon. The project was undertaken during the present ministry of the Rev. Ernest E. Hawk, pastor.

The shell of the old 1920 structure was retained, but it is hardly recognizable in the new design. The new building employs the old foundation, some of the walls, the roof and the flooring of its predecessor.

The front of the building was extended and the door faces to the side of the building with a sloping walkway rising from the foot of a modern bell tower. The windows were also extended outward for indirect lighting effect.

The sanctuary seats 400 persons. It has new walnut pews, wall-to-wall carpeting, air-conditioning and central heating. A divided chancel, centered by a tapered wooden cross, replaces the old centered pulpit.

The new sanctuary completely modernizes the church's facilities. Its 18-classroom educational building was completed in 1957. Lacy G. Thomas was the building committee chairman for both projects.

Robert V. Ford is architect for remodeling the sanctuary and Robert Drew was the contractor.

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The Bishop Calls—

Dear Readers of the Florida Methodist—

At a recent meeting with the district superintendents of the conference, reports were made by each of them concerning new Methodist churches being organized during this conference year. We discovered that there will be 18 more Methodist Churches in June, 1963, than there were in June, 1962. This is as it should be. The Methodist Church has followed the new frontiers of America in every generation. The spectacular population growth of our state makes it one of the great and challenging frontiers of America during the next decade.

For more than two years now the churches of the Florida Conference have been paying on commitments to the Branscomb Memorial Auditorium Fund, District Church Extension, and a million dollar loan fund to be used in the assistance of our churches and their building projects. During the conference year 1962-63 all commitments to this campaign were to be paid in full. At this particular time there is a large number of churches with outstanding obligations in this field. I wish to express my appreciation to the district superintendents, the ministers, and lay leaders who are working to see that the goal of $2.4 million will be paid by Annual Conference next June. A complete roster of the churches of Florida with *paid in full* on commitments to the 1960-1963 campaign would make a magnificent record for our great conference.

Last conference year we had a special emphasis throughout the conference on Sunday school attendance. The results were significant, but not spectacular. Sunday school attendance did not grow in proportion to church membership. This is not good. The correction of a trend, particularly one of decline, is difficult to achieve within the span of one year. Time and time again we have discovered that we have been able to do, by God's grace, whatever needed to be done for the glory of His Kingdom.

Experience within the church indicates that a congregation prospers in direct ratio to the growth of the church school and the effectiveness of its program of Christian education. Such growth is the product of the concern of the minister, the church school superintendent, the commission on education, and the teaching staff. It is not a happen stance when the outreach of one Sunday school shows continuing success while another declines. Growth is the product of concern, prayer, and thoughtful planning. Now is the time for us, one and all, to rededicate ourselves to the end that our church school program throughout the Florida Conference shall be another of those areas in which Florida Methodism demonstrates its ability to measure up to the challenge of the hour.

The first two laymen's retreats were magnificent. I regret very much that I was unable to attend the third. On the Sunday mornings of the first two retreats I had the great pleasure of being present for the early morning Communion services at Leesburg. On Sept. 30 I had the pleasure of preaching at Trinity Church, DeLand at 11 o'clock. On Oct. 7 I was at Tavares at 11:00 and Christ Church, Leesburg, at 7:30 in the evening. It is a thrill to be a part of Florida Methodism in worship.

This letter goes to the editor on the eve of our departure for a visit to our Methodist mission stations in South America. Mrs. Henley and I covet your prayers as we begin this journey to Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Bolivia and Peru. We will return on Nov. 25, arriving in Miami at 7 a.m. It is our plan to be at Trinity Church, St. Petersburg, for a dedication at 11:00 that morning.

Sincerely,
JAMES W. HENLEY

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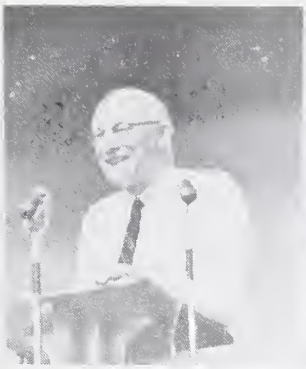
"Get your hearts in tune, get your heads into it, and give it feet to walk on."



MIDDLETON

"If your religion does not break out of the church walls, it isn't worth a hoot."

CARRUTH

"If you want people to surrender to Christ, go out and surrender to them."

HENLEY

"Democracy must remember that it is founded on spiritual tenets."

BISHOP SLATER ASSERTS—

'Small-Scale Individual'--Major Barrier to Progress

The "small-scale individual" is one of the greatest barriers to progress in Christianity, said Bishop Eugene Slater of Kansas to the third session of this year's Methodist Men's Conference.

He contended that modern man has made vast strides in some areas but has failed to grow in areas considered important by Jesus Christ.

"We are far more adept at traveling through space than at walking on earth with one another in the spirit of Jesus Christ," he declared. He maintained we are also better at building houses than creating Christian homes and better at producing food surpluses than feeding the needy and hungry of the earth.

One week earlier, Bishop W. Vernon Middleton of Pittsburgh asserted: "You tell me where you spend your money, and I'll tell you what kind of a Christian you are."

Speaking on the theme of "new churches" for this year's retreats, Bishop Middleton said Methodism badly needs two kinds of new churches to witness effectively.

"New churches are needed to serve new communities," he said, "and we also need established churches with a new evangelistic spirit."

Despite our claims that we are too busy to do many worthwhile things, "we do just about what we want to do," said H. Owen DeWeese, vice president of the General Board of Lay Activities and conference lay leader in the North Indiana Conference.

DISTRICT TROPHIES WON BY SARASOTA and DeLAND

Sarasota District won the attendance trophy at the Methodist Men's Conference for the second straight year with 1.8 per cent attendance of the men in the district. West Palm Beach District was second.

DeLand District won the church trophy with 26 of 37 churches represented — 70 per cent of the total. Total attendance was 1,753, the same as last year.

The editor of METHODIST LAYMAN, *Newman S. Cryer, Jr., (second from left) gave first-hand coverage to one of Florida's Men's Conferences. Here he is discussing a recent issue with Glenn Gold (left), Miami, associate conference lay leader; Clare N. Pettit, Southern California-Nevada Conference lay leader; and the Rev. Gilbert Stout (right), who is on the staff of the General Board of Lay Activities.*

Norman Pounds, Palatka, presents a toy bugle to Edith Goodwin, assistant conference youth director, in recognition of her bugling at the men's conferences. (She is standing on a platform, of course.)

EXTRA MILE AWARD—

A Dedicated Crusader For Peace

Many Americans have feared the threat of a nuclear war during the past decade. For one member of the Palma Ceia Church of Tampa, the answer to this fear has come in a dedication to preventing war through Christian understanding.

The personal crusade of Dr. Richard Rodgers, a Tampa physician, has been felt over the nation and has ranked Palma Ceia Church as a leader in the forces for World Peace. It is this work that has earned him our Extra Mile Award.

Dick Rodgers was raised on the Christian belief that evil can be overcome with good. So, when the world quaked over the threat of World War Three, Dick turned to his church. He knew that nuclear war could mean annihilation of mankind, and with the horrors of World War Two still in his mind, he asked the Palma Ceia official board in 1955 to create a committee on world affairs. The board agreed.

With unfailing support from his wife, Betty, and from the Rev. Paul Wagner, Dick's committee reprinted hundreds of magazine articles and essays on peace and international understanding. Many congressmen and editors soon found their opinions being influenced by the information sent from Palma Ceia Church. The committee also established a world peace library, and a speakers' bureau.

Dick was soon devoting more than 20 hours a week in his projects. But his medical practice was fast expanding and time to give to world peace was growing shorter. Then, he realized that his responsibility was not to map a course for the world, but to provide support for full-time trained specialists.

"In World War Two," Dick explains, "many gave everything for peace including their lives. Now, most people who make good money aren't interested in world peace. Their hearts are in making more money. My primary drive has become to make more money to support world peace."

He does this by working six to eight hours a day beyond the normal workload and devoting all of that extra income to his cause. "It hasn't cost me a penny," Dick says modestly, "because without the cause I wouldn't be working so hard." He contributes $20,000 annually.

RODGERS, WAGNER AND HILL
. . . A layman leads the way

In Washington, D. C., in 1961, Dick met another man dedicated to world peace — the Rev. George Hill, minister of a Connecticut Methodist Church. The two had exchanged ideas by mail, and Dick questioned whether the young preacher would be interested in a full-time ministerial post devoted to world peace. George Hill accepted the idea and became the Minister for World Affairs at Palma Ceia Church, the first such appointment in Protestantism. His entire salary and expenses were donated by Dick Rodgers.

Dick advances no theories on a "perfect and orderly world." His only contention is that there must be an alternative to nuclear war. But he admits man does not yet know what that alternative is, so he's paving a path to find it.

He believes the church should not be concerned with legislative machinery but with attitudes. Mr. Hill expresses it this way: "I do not suggest that we can save the world. I do believe that we can help create conditions such that God can save the world. As a Christian, I deeply believe that God works when men care."

"I consider Dick — the force behind our work — to be an authentic genius.

"He is a genius physically. I have never seen a man with the stamina he has. He works night and day and never seems to lose pace.

"He's a genius intellectually—he stays in perfect step with the medical profession while keeping abreast of the world's political situation. I've seen him treat as many as eight patients at once, all in separate rooms, all with complete understanding and medical skill, and still answer phone calls relative to world peace.

"And I think he is a genius spiritually. He has an awareness of how religion is to work and why Jesus was put on this earth. He believes thoroughly in overcoming evil with good. He's done it so long, it's habit with him."

SOCIETY TO DISTRIBUTE NEW PORTUGUESE EDITION

Arrangements have been made to experiment with the distribution of 50,000 copies of a pictorial Portuguese edition of the Gospel of St. Luke ("As Boas Novas") through 5,000 newspaper stalls located in all parts of Brazil, according to a report received by the American Bible Society from the Brazil Bible Society.

One of the features of the recent special session of the Florida Annual Conference at the Leesburg Youth Camp was the surprise appearance of the Florida Southern College choir — its first performance of the academic year — under the direction of Jack Houts, a new member of the college's music department who previously served for 16 years as head of the music department at Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens, Tenn.

New FSC Faculty Members Have Variety of Talents, Backgrounds

A minister who is an authority on narcotics, a layman who spends his summers working in a tabernacle, and a former FBI agent are among the 18 new faculty and staff members at Florida Southern College.

The Rev. Robert V. Guthrie, a member of the New York East Annual Conference, will teach sociology at Florida Southern. He has served several agencies as a consultant on narcotics addiction and has appeared on several network radio and television programs.

A graduate of Gannon College in his native Erie, Pa., he holds the B.D. degree from Drew University and is a candidate for the Ph.D. at the New School for Social Research, New York City. He served five years as pastor of Brooklyn Methodist churches.

A new member of the college's music department faculty, who also will direct the concert choir, is Jack Houts. For the last 16 years he has headed the music department of a sister Methodist school — Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens, Tenn. He is a graduate of George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., and holds the M.M. from the University of Chattanooga.

Houts, who comes from a long line of Methodist ministers, spends his summers as director of the Thousand Island Park (N.Y.) Tabernacle, which started as a Methodist Camp Meeting Grounds in 1875.

The former FBI agent is J. Howard Carlson, who has been named auditor in the college's business department. He worked 21 years for the FBI across the country, most recently in Tampa. He holds a B.S. degree in accounting from Syracuse University.

Also new on the FSC staff is Richard R. Burnette as coordinator of institutional research and testing. He holds a B.D. degree from Emory University's Candler School of Theology, but decided upon an academic career and received his doctor's degree in education this summer at Florida State University.

New on the English faculty is Miss Mary Ruth Miller, who was born in Bartow and grew up in Plant City. She is a graduate of Florida State University, holds a M.A. degree from George Peabody College, and is a candidate for a Ph.D. at Duke University.

She was formerly on the faculty of Reinhardt College in Waleska, Ga., and is a sister of the Rev. W. Harold Miller, pastor of Trinity Church, Bradenton.

Famed Pastor To Speak

The Rev. Charles Goff, pastor of Chicago Temple Church, which has the tallest church spire in the world, will speak Nov. 4-7 at Peeler Memorial Church, Jacksonville in a series entitled "Four Nights With God."

Berg Says Christians Are Chief Foe of Reds

Christian people will ultimately stop the spread of athiestic communism, declared Howard Berg, conference lay leader, following a trip to Europe in which he spent three hours getting a "dose of communism" behind the East Berlin wall.

Berg said it was hard to realize the explosiveness of the Berlin Crisis without seeing it firsthand. He described as "tragic" the East Berlin situation, in which a city of 1.3 million people is virtually isolated from all contacts with the non-communist world.

The Methodist Church is weak in Europe, Berg said, but it has "tremendous possibilities." One of the problems faced by Methodism in many areas is that it must be supported by voluntary contributions after the people have already been taxed to support the state church of various nations.

Berg called for a deepening of

Howard Berg

spiritual life on the part of laymen as one method of making the church strong enough to block the spread of communism.

Berg was in Europe attending the second annual retreat for military personnel stationed there. It was attended by approximately 200 Methodist chaplains, laymen and their wives.

Florida, with 13, had the second highest registration of servicemen.

GUEST EDITORIAL—

Who Caused The Ole Miss Riots?

(Editor's Note—Who caused the riots at Ole Miss over admission of a lone Negro student? Many contradictory accusations have been made, but an editorial in a recent issue of the MISSISSIPPI METHODIST ADVOCATE *goes straight to the heart of the matter. We feel its message has meaning for many states and communities beyond the borders of Mississippi.)*

CHURCH PEOPLE AMONG THOSE RESPONSIBLE.

Today, in trying to lay the blame on everything and everybody for the riot at Ole Miss, which wounded 166 federal marshals, killed two people and wrought havoc on the campus of a great university, everyone is being blamed. The MISSISSIPPI METHODIST ADVOCATE was accused of having blood on its hands for inciting the riot.

Who really is to blame? All of us are guilty! We in the church are to blame because we allowed such a force of hate to build up in our state. We have known for eight years that there were pressure groups who boasted that if the people did not conform and cooperate with them, they would use social, political and economic pressures. In the name of patriotism, the groups thrived until they had control of our social, political and law-making forces. They worked through so-called anti-communism campaigns to get our citizens to distrust the Church, the United States government and the humanitarian agencies of the United Nations.

FORCES OF HATE WERE NOT CHECKED

We knew these forces were building up but we dared not say or do anything about it; too many good people were involved, church members, leaders in society. Public opinion, which has been carefully built up through the medium of press, radio and television, convinced the people of Mississippi that they were absolutely right. If what they learned through the seminars collided with the teachings of Christ and the church, then they were convinced that church and Christian teachings were taboo. Economic pressure was applied to church literature while hate literature had a field day.

Yes, we protested. We protested the coming into our state (at the taxpayers' expense) of certain individuals who, in the name of patriotism, went into our schools and colleges sowing seeds of suspicion against the church; because we protested, we were called communists. We protested enactment of a law aimed at The Methodist Church in Mississippi and were called subversive. We protested enactment of discriminatory voting laws and were called racists and told the church had no business being concerned with political matters. We protested the events which ultimately led to the rioting at Ole Miss and we were told the shed-blood was on our hands.

VOICES OF MODERATION, GOODWILL IGNORED

The Bible teaches that "whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap." This has been amply demonstrated on the campus of Ole Miss. The flames of sectionism were fanned; the prejudices and fears of misinformed people were appealed to; the passions of youth seeking a cause were aroused; open defiance and disdain for due process of law sowed seeds of anarchy which resulted in violence.

Yes, the church is partly responsible for what happened at Ole Miss. Because we were not more vocal and outspoken; because we were not true to our Christian Convictions, we aided anarchy and the type of events upon which communism feeds. By choosing to do nothing, we have permitted political pressure groups to chart our course and have allowed the voice of moderation and goodwill to be completely ignored.

Christ lost his life because of a build-up of hate and evil forces which led to mob violence. The Church will lose her life whatever she does now. The crucial questions are whether she loses her life for Christ's sake and finds it in this hour of crisis or whether she really loses her life in pious platitudes and innocuous activity in a day which demands courageous witness.

BISHOP DECLARES—

After Vatican Council We Shall Be Separated, But Not As Strangers

Christianity's prime task is to find a new and dynamic approach to the working man and his problems, said Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, in an interview before setting out for the ecumenical council of the Roman Catholic Church in Rome.

Bishop Corson said that this means the church must reappraise its approach to the needs of contemporary society.

"That was the over-all concern of Pope John in calling the second ecumenical council. Both the Protestant and Roman Catholic churches are convinced that we must renew the vitality of Christianity among the masses. We must make our position clearer on social and moral issues.

"After the Vatican council we still will be separated, but our hope is that we shall not live side by side as entire strangers, as is so often the case now. The cleavages are very deep, really. Pope John and his advisers recognize that as well as we do.

"But I believe Christendom must find ways of working together amidst its difference, in its fight against the common enemy, which is threefold — materialism, that says man creates his own values; secularism, which puts man above God; and atheism, which denies spiritual reality. I hope that through the new relationships that may develop, Christendom can have a united force for peace."

Bishop Corson praised Pope John "as the No. 1 public relations expert of our time," adding: "Without his personality we wouldn't be going to Rome with these hopes of accomplishments."

Orlando Minister Has Devotional Published

The Rev. L. Elbert Wilson, Orlando, is the author of a meditation accepted for publication by **The Upper Room** in the November-December issue. The reading will be used on Dec. 18.

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"How Do You Relate To People" is the topic of this panel discussion at the Florida Pastors' School. Participants are (from left): The Rev. Amos Boren, Hollywood, presiding; the Rev. George Foster, Miami; the Rev. A. A. Hedberg, Miami; the Rev. Kenneth Rogers, Sarasota; and the Rev. Caxton Doggett, Winter Park.

A Minister Must Be A 'Real Person,' Not Just A Parson, To Be Effective

Humility, a realistic career objective, and an ability to laugh at one's self are all important attributes for a minister, advised the Rev. George A. Foster, Miami District superintendent, at this year's Florida Pastors' School.

Mr. Foster maintained that no other profession offers so many threats to becoming a "real person." He said there is a temptation for an ungenuine person to hide behind the role of a parson, but he maintained that a minister "must have significance as a person as well as a parson."

He said the first requisite for a man becoming a real person is to be genuine and sincere in his relations with others, rather than to assume an artificial or phony stance.

The Rev. Ralph Huston, dean of the pastor's school, said this year's was one of the most successful ever held. He noted that more ministers attending it stayed throughout the week-long session than ever before.

This year's school was also noteworthy for its "balance," Mr. Huston said. Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette was outstanding in history, Dr. William F. Case gave excellent advice in administration, and the Rev. David A. MacLennan was superb as a preacher.

Takes Pastorate

The Rev. G. Ernest Thomas, spiritual life director since 1950 for the General Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn., has been appointed pastor of First Church, Birmingham, Mich.

Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette discusses his book on the history of the church in the 20th Century with (from left) the Rev. Warren Wasson, Perry; the Rev. Rudolph McKinley, St. Petersburg; the Rev. Joseph Jones, Key West; and the Rev. John White, Tampa.

Christ Was Never More Potent, Says Renowned Historian

"Taking the human race as a whole, Christ was never as potent as he is today," declared Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, Sterling professor emeritus of missions and oriental history at Yale University, during a lecture at this year's Florida Pastors' School.

Mr. Latourette pointed out that despite claims that this may be the "post-Christian era" there is new life breaking out in the church at many points around the globe.

He added that the last 100 years mark the first time in history that Christianity really became a world-wide religion.

Outside of the church, Christianity's world-wide influence is deeper and wider than ever before in history, he added.

Speaking on the day in which the ecumenical council of the Roman Catholic Church opened in Rome, Mr. Latourette said there was new vigor in the Roman Catholic Church — especially in Europe and South America.

Among the Roman Catholic reforms he mentioned was the stressing of Bible study in the vernacular rather than Latin and an active lay movement.

Day of Singing

The National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians is asking that Methodist churches observe Sunday, Nov. 4, as "A Great Day of Methodist Singing." The organization recommends that each church have a "festival of hymns" on the special day.

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News From The Churches

BROTHERS SPEAK AT HOME CHURCH

Two brothers who grew up in the Inman Memorial Church, Jacksonville, to become Methodist ministers were guest speakers at the church's annual Homecoming Sunday.

The Rev. Henry Galloway, Plantation Church, Ft. Lauderdale, delivered the message at the morning service and the Rev. Bruce Galloway, Gilmore Church, Jacksonville, spoke at a special afternoon service.

...Outreach Table

'CARNIVAL' TELLS WORK OF MYF

Winter Park Church Methodist Youth Fellowship held an unusual "circus carnival" orientation program for junior high MYFer's being promoted to the senior high group.

Art Bruhn, president of the senior MYF, served as ringmaster. Tables were set up for each of the program areas: Faith, Fellowship, Outreach, Witness, Citizenship and MY Fund, and decorated with materials representing each committee's projects.

YOUTH CHOIR REORGANIZED

The Kirksinger Choir of First Church, Ft. Myers, a youth group under the direction of Grat Roazza, has re-organized for the current season with 45 voices. Last year the group gave several sacred concerts throughout the state.

...Burns Mortgage

PAYS OFF SANCTUARY DEBT

Peeler Memorial, Jacksonville, burned its mortgage at a ceremony dedicating the newly paid-off sanctuary. Bishop James W. Henley delivered the sermon. When the sanctuary was completed in 1957, the church was named to honor the parents of the late C. B. Peeler, Jacksonville attorney, who donated $75,000 of the $125,000 total cost.

NORMANDY HOLDS FIRST SERVICE

Normandy Village Church, Jacksonville, held its first service on Oct. 7, in the new elementary school in Normandy Village. Services will be held in the school building until a unit of the church plant can be constructed, the Rev. Bill Rhoads, minister, said.

CHRISTIAN FLAG GIVEN CHURCH

Mrs. A. W. Nickelson, Inverness Church, presented a Christian flag, which she made, to the Chiefland First Church recently.

In her presentation, Mrs. Nickelson gave a history of the Christian flag and the congregation joined in the pledge to the Christian flag. The flag staffs were given by the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

CHURCH RECEIVES BEQUEST

First Church, Lakeland, recently received a check for $44,467.13, a bequest under the will of the late Lydia B. Cook, to be used for a "Sunday School building or a Youth building." This represented 40 per cent of the estate. A similar 40 per cent bequest was made to the Florida Methodist Children's Home, the Rev. C. M. Cotton, pastor of First Church, reported.

...At Tampa

CHILDREN PRESENT BIBLE

The primary and junior departments of Palma Ceia Church, Tampa, presented a blind girl with a Braille Bible, with money donated by them during Vacation Church School this summer.

In the picture Mrs. George Schabacker, a teacher, presents a book of the Bible to Linda Larrison, a nine year old member of the Manhattan Church, Tampa.

PARSONAGE RENOVATED

Grace Church, St. Augustine, has completed a $9,000 renovation of its 75 year old parsonage. In keeping with the tradition of the nation's oldest city, the congregation decided on renovation of the old home rather than building a new parsonage.

HEAR ABOUT NERVOUS STRAIN

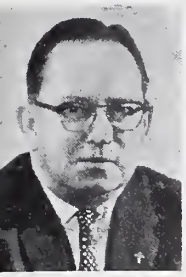
"Minister's Wives and Nervous Strain" was the topic of a discussion led by the Rev. N. L. Davidson, director of the Mental Health Department of Volusia County, at a DeLand District minister's wives retreat recently. The retreat was held in Mt. Plymouth at the cottage of the Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Todd, St. James Church, Palatka.

FORESTVIEW CHURCH BREAKS GROUND

Groundbreaking ceremonies for new buildings were held recently at Forestview Church, Jacksonville. Included in the building are a sanctuary, kitchen, classrooms, restrooms, and an addition to the present fellowship hall.

Mission Treasurer Off on Asian Visit

The Rev. Ashton A. Almand, chief financial officer for The Methodist Church's general overseas missionary agency, left Oct. 4 for a five-week visit to four Asian countries, where he will confer with field treasurers.



Almand

Mr. Almand, who has been pastor of Methodist churches in Miami, Pompano Beach and Lakeland, is the treasurer of the Division of World Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions in New York.

The division administers Methodist mission work in 44 countries, has an annual budget of almost $12 million and supports 1,150 missionaries overseas.

MYF UN-Washington Planned in February

Another UN-Washington Seminar is being planned for Florida MYF'ers for Feb. 9-16. Already dozens of MYF'ers have registered an interest in attending this highly inspirational and educational program, spending three days in New York and three days in Washington, D. C. Again, as last year, the group will be limited to 42 youth and adults.

Youth delegates must be at least in their junior year in high school. Special advance reading will be required, and absence from school must be worked out by each delegate. Information explaining the seminar will be sent upon request.

The cost of the seminar is about $190 per person. This includes transportation via plane, hotel and about half the meals, plus expenses for a number of scheduled activities. Each delegate will need at least $25 for other meals, taxi, and subway fare.

The seminar includes sessions at the United Nations, visits to the capitol and with Congressmen from Florida, sightseeing, and a special service at Lincoln Memorial. Interested MYF members may write: MYF, UN-Washington Seminar, Box 78, Lakeland, Fla.

Missionaries Win Good Will in Algeria

Despite the suspicion and hostility between Arab and European bred by eight years of war in Algeria, there is a vast reservoir of good will toward American missionaries by the Algerian people.

"You can feel the warmth of feeling toward the missionaries by all who know them," says the Rev. Eugene L. Smith, general secretary of the Division of World Missions. "The good will is also attested by the fact that in all the eight years of fighting, including the bloody battles just before Independence, no Methodist property has been damaged."

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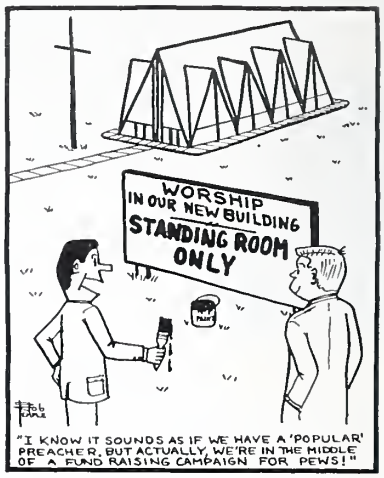
Every dollar of the million dollar Conference Loan Fund will be needed to aid in essential church construction during this conference year. For every $1 available for loans to churches at this time, we have $3 in worthy and approved loans awaiting the arrival of funds! So we urge pastors and laymen to make every effort to see that their church pays its pledge at the earliest possible date.

The Cabinet has approved the publishing of a list of churches which have paid their pledges to the Conference Loan-Branscomb Memorial Funds. Elsewhere on this page will be found this "Honor Roll" of the churches which have paid their commitments in advance. Periodically, during the next few months, as other churches complete their payments they will be listed on this roll of honor.

A dozen young churches, and as many older ones, are eagerly awaiting the support of this fund which will enable them to begin construction. While some churches enjoy magnificent air-conditioned sanctuaries and education buildings, others are worshiping in rented halls and school cafetoriums.

On behalf of the board, gratitude is expressed to every layman, minister and church for all that has been paid, and all that will yet be given to this worthy cause.



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- Ormond Beach, First
- Sanford, Grace

Gainesville District
- McCall's Chapel
- Siloam
- Mt. Tabor
- Tustenuggee
- Raiford
- Wellborn
- Huntsville
- Leona
- Corinth
- Falling Creek
- Swift Creek
- Worthington
- St. Johns

Jacksonville District
- Baldwin
- Middleburg
- Fernandina Beach
- Gilmore
- Lakewood

Lakeland District
- Coleman
- Panasofkee
- Sumpterville
- Dundee
- Mascotte
- Eloise
- Lakeland, College Heights
- Lakeland, Methodist Temple
- Lady Lake
- Lake Alfred
- Ridge Manor
- Linden
- Wildwood
- Zephyrhills

Miami District
- Davie
- Key West, Coppitt Key
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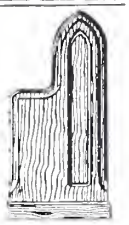
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Lee
Hickory Grove
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Grace
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Miccosukee
Monticello
Perry, First
Pinetta
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Lake Jackson
Quincy, Centenary
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Sardis Memorial
Shady Grove
Boyd, New Life
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Tallahassee, Southside
Waukeenah
Lamont
Wacissa
Cherry Lake
Rocky Springs
Shiloh
Woodville
St. Mark's
Wakulla
Zion Hill

Tampa District

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Knights
Tampa, First
Tampa, Hyde Park

West Palm Beach District

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Ft. Lauderdale, Aldersgate
Ft. Lauderdale, Wesley Chapel
Ft. Pierce, Community
Juno Beach
Lake Worth, Lakeside
Melbourne, First
Riviera Beach, First

Wesleyan Names New Director of Admissions

Dr. W. Earl Strickland, president of Wesleyan College, has announced the appointment of the Rev. Allen Sanders, associate pastor of the Vineville Methodist Church, Macon, as assistant to the president and director of admissions for the college. The appointment is effective Nov. 1.

Sanders

A native of Alabama, Mr. Sanders is serving his 12th year as associate pastor of the Vineville Church. He was graduated from Birmingham Southern in 1938 and received his B.D. degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory.

He has made numerous speaking appearances in the Florida Conference.

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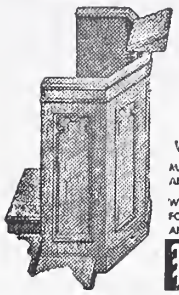

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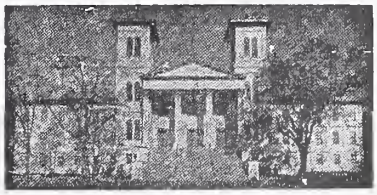

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CALENDAR

Nov. 2-3—Methodist Student Movement Council, Florida Southern College.

Nov. 6-7—Planning session for Conference Music Workshop, Methodist Building, Lakeland.

Nov. 9—Planning session for Older Adult Assembly, Methodist Building, Lakeland.

Nov. 12-14—Coaching conference, candidates for certification in courses, "Understanding Adults" and "Helping Adults to Learn."

Nov. 15—Board of Trustees, Florida Southern College.

Nov. 16-18—MYF Adult Workers Convocation, Leesburg Youth Camp.

Nov. 20—Fall meeting, Conference Board of Education, Florida Southern private dining room, 12:15 p.m.

Nov. 26—Tallahassee District Conference, First Church, Perry, 9:00 a.m.

Nov. 27—Gainesville District Conference, First Church, Lake City, 9:00 a.m.

Nov. 27—Jacksonville District Conference, Arlington Church, 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 28—DeLand District Conference, Trinity Church, Palatka, 9:00 a.m.

Nov. 28—Orlando District Conference, at Apopka Church, 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 29—Lakeland District Conference, Lake Wales Church, 9:00 a.m.

Nov. 30—St. Petersburg District Conference, Lealman Church, St. Petersburg, at 9:00 p.m.

Nov. 30—Tampa District Conference, Bayshore Churchh, Tampa, 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 3—Sarasota District Conference, at Trinity Church, Bradenton, 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 4—West Palm Beach District Conference, Riviera Beach Church 9:00 a.m.

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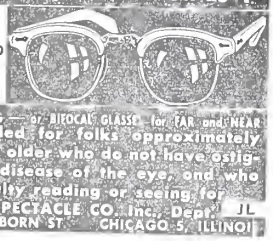

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Church Council Plans Seminar for Laymen

The Florida Council of Churches is sponsoring a seminar for laymen at the Presbyterian Conference Center, Lake Placid, on Feb. 1-3, 1963. The seminar will be limited to 60 laymen and reservations will be made in the order in which they are received.

Littell

The seminar will be led by Dr. Franklin H. Littell, professor of church history at the University of Chicago. Until recently Mr. Littell was on the Southern Methodist University staff.

Arthur Wilson Rideout, chairman of the commission on evangelism for the Florida Council, said the theme for the seminar will be "The Apostolate of Laity" the call for every Christian to be a witness and a missionary.

Applications should be sent to Florida Council of Churches, 343 E. Adams Street, Jacksonville 2, Florida.

Rev. Ira Barnett Seeks Return of Books

The Rev. R. Ira Barnett is seeking the return of three books taken by mistake from a box in the west dining room of the Methodist Youth Camp on Oct. 8, the day of the session of the Florida Annual Conference.

These books were borrowed by Mr. Barnett from the Conference Board of Education library and are marked as being the property of the board. The titles are: **The Best Is Yet To Be** (Maves), **Old People and the Church** (Maves and Cedarleaf) and **Helping Older People Enjoy Life** (Woods).

He asks their return to him at 17 West Beacon Road, Lakeland, Fla.

Deaths

The Rev. C. W. Alford

The Rev. Collye W. Alford, 75, died in St. Petersburg on Sept. 23. Although a retired member of the Florida Conference since 1953, Mr. Alford organized four new churches in the St. Petersburg district in recent years. They were St. Mark's, St. Petersburg (1956); St. James, St. Petersburg (1957); Hudson (1959); and First Church, Pinellas Park (1961). He was born in Magnolia, Miss., the youngest of 12 children. He and four of his brothers became ministers and one sister married a Methodist minister and another became a deaconess. Mr. Alford became a member of the Florida Conference in 1923. He served the following churches in Florida during his ministry: Safety Harbor, 1923-26; New Port Richey, 1934; LaBelle, 1935; Webster, 1936-39; Spring Lake, 1939-41; Palm Harbor, 1942-48; and Sara Spencer, Tampa, 1948-53. He is survived by his wife, Erma Kile Alford; a daughter, Mrs. Robert McConnell, Silver Springs, Md.; a step-son, Robert Fisher, Tampa; two brothers, the Rev. Martin Alford, Shreveport, La., and the Rev. J. H. Alford, Minden, La., and one sister, Mrs. R. T. Hollingsworth, Courtland, Miss.

Bishop A. Frank Smith

Bishop A. Frank Smith, retired episcopal leader of the Houston Area, died Oct. 5 at his home in Houston, Texas. He retired two years ago at the age of 70. Bishop Smith was the first president of the Council of Bishops following unification. He had served as president of the Division of National Missions and was for many years president of the board of trustees of Southern Methodist University. He was the first pastor of what is now Methodism's largest church — Highland Park Church in Dallas.

The Rev. J. S. Bentley

The Rev. J. S. Bentley, 62, died Oct. 17 in Birmingham, Ala. A retired member of the North Alabama Conference, he was father of wives of two Florida Conference ministers. His daughters are Mrs. Marvin R. Park, Jr., Brooksville, and Mrs. James W. Colvert, Ocala.

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Me And My Bible

By MRS. ED FERRELL

How big are you? This is a uestion that concerns many to-ay in our fashion-conscious vorld. And we are as concerned bout our health. It is important. ut the more important question s how big are you on the inside?

God has made us in different hapes and sizes. Except for the ddition or loss of some pounds, e can't help too much how we re made. Yet, the wrapping oesn't matter much; it's what is n the inside that counts.

John Wesley, Methodism's found-r, was five feet tall, but he was giant of a man. I once had a unday school teacher who weigh-d 220 pounds, but her heart was thing of beauty.

Goliath was a giant, but David lew him. David said to Saul, his ing: "Let no man's heart fail ecause of him (Goliath), thy ervant will go to fight with this hilistine." (I Samuel 17:32). If David's heart had matched his hysical size, he would never have ad the courage to slay Goliath. nd if Goliath's soul had matched is physique, David could never ave slain him.

It's true, we can't help the ackage we're in; but we can alter he size of our soul.

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People who want their Christmas greetings this year to be especially meaningful and in the true spirit of the Nativity are being encouraged by the American Bible Society to enclose a Christmas Scripture Portion in every envelope.

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The price of the Christmas Portions is only 3 cents each in any quantity, because the Bible Society distributes its Scriptures at cost. They are available in either the King James or the Revised Standard Version and can be ordered from the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York. The Society offers to send a sample copy of the Christmas Scripture Portion to anyone on request.

Births

Sept. 15—A girl, Linda Lee, born to the Rev. and Mrs. Ed Dinkins. First Church, Frostproof.

Oct. 18—A son, Scott Edward, to the Rev. and Mrs. Ed Murfin, associate pastor at Seminole Church, St. Petersburg. He is the second boy of three children.

Inquisitive people are the funnels of conversation; they do not take anything for their own use, but merely pass it on to others.
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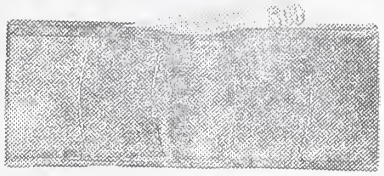

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22-CLASSROOM ADDITION TO RIVERSIDE PARK CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE
. . . Ground-breaking ceremony held Oct. 7 on $200,000 unit

22-CLASSROOM UNIT—

Riverside Park Breaks Ground for Educational Building

A groundbreaking service for the new educational building of Riverside Park Church, Jacksonville, was held Oct. 7 following the 11 o'clock service.

The new two-story building, adjoining the present sanctuary, will be air-conditioned and will contain 22 classrooms. The approximate cost of the project will be $200,000, plus furnishings.

McDonald Smith Construction Co. will be the builder. Kemp, Bunch and Jackson of Jacksonville are the architects.

The Rev. Gaylon L. Howe, pastor, said the unit is the first phase of a larger program which will include remodeling the present educational building.

Under the larger program will be renovation of the dining and assembly hall, parlor, youth lounge, music and choir rooms, and remodeling of present classrooms. The estimated cost of the total program is $400,000.

Pledges covering the cost of the new building have been received and are payable over a three-year period.

Wednesday Night Meeting of Prayer, Bible Study Not 'Old-Fashioned' at Murray Hill

The Wednesday night meeting of prayer and Bible study is not "old-fashioned" at Murray Hill Church, Jacksonville.

An average of 100 Bibles are present weekly when the Rev. J. Arthur Padgett conducts one of his study courses. If you attend without your Bible, you're not counted on the church's records.

The midweek group spurted to 200 Bibles — 221 people — in response to a challenge by Bishop Henley last Spring. In chatting with Mr. Padgett about the midweek service, the bishop inquired about the largest number of Bibles present at one of the services.

When Mr. Padgett said the largest was 142, Bishop Henley expressed mock disappointment that it was not 150. Two weeks later Mr. Padgett was able to telegraph the bishop that "200 Bibles" were present.

The pastor's first official act at the Murray Hill Church was to conduct a midweek service. He was appointed to the church a year ago following the death of the Rev. Elliott S. Ritch and arrived during the middle of the week. He had always placed great emphasis on the midweek service — at a time when it generally seems to be dying out in Methodism.

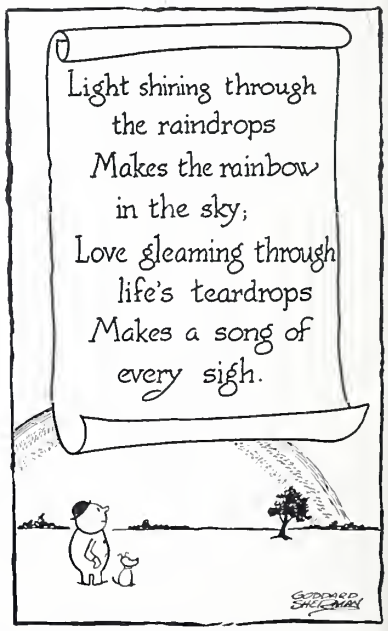
At present the congregation is conducting a study of the doctrines of Jesus Christ. Mr. Padgett distributes 25 pages of mimeographed notes on the study, chiefly Scriptural references, to those attending the Wednesday night sessions.

Also available for future consideration by the group are studies on God, the Holy Spirit, and Satan which Mr. Padgett compiled while he was pastor of Northeast Church in Tampa.

Mr. Padgett begins his Wednesday night service at 7:20 with a short period for questions (submitted the previous week) and answers. Following this is a period of singing and then of prayer, varying in format from time to time.

One of the most encouraging signs to M . Padgett is that a number of young people, especially older youth, are attending the sessions.

The Sunny Soul



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The Bishop Calls—

(Editor's Note—Bishop Henley's regular letter to readers of the Florida Methodist was on a dictation disk that was broken while enroute from Rio de Janeiro to Jacksonville. As a substitute, we are printing excerpts from the keynote address at the fourth National Methodist Conference on Family Life by Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Columbus, Ohio.)

'Jesus Christ — Lord of the Family'

Home is where life makes up its mind. As your children grow up, life presses them for an answer: What about your vocation, your friends? What about dating too early, marrying too young? What of your religion, does your earthly father make you think happily of your heavenly Father? What about your concept of sex, will it be sacred or soggy? What of your ideal of success, will it be based on ethical principle or economic prestige? . . . When all is said about the forces that influence a child's life, the home is still at the top of the list.

You can build more church buildings, acquire more members, expand your organization and programs, but Christianity itself will fail if it fails to prevail in the home. You and I are here because we believe that the family is the hope of our age and that Christ is the hope of the family.

Werner

The Christian home is capable of a tremendous witness for our Lord. The family is the supreme agent for the transmission of the Christian way of living. Christian family living is true church extension. The church may be the place where religion is taught, but the home is where it must be lived. The home is an actual instance of the Christian fellowship of the church. If the Christian faith does not work in the home, it doesn't work.

If Christ is Lord of the family, the whole tenor of the home will be lifted, there will be a zest and joy in living together in the Christian home. The Christian home is a happy home. In our modern life we have lost much of our laughter. Have you noticed that? One critic said that laughter is stored in Hollywood in cans just as the gold was stored at Fort Knox. We need to get laughter out of storage. We need to hear again the laughter of children and parents together — laughter because there is freedom, because there is genuine love, because there is trust — laughter over predicaments little and large . . .

The Lordship of Christ means the priority of the spiritual in the home. The consciousness of a spiritual mission will save the family from the crushing pressures of materialism. Some people are owned body and soul by the wood and stone of a house and all that they can put into it.

With redoubtable zeal we must condition our children in our homes to the priority of the spiritual. Day after day after day, you—the parents—must be the teachers of religion and of the Christian way of life . . .

I am challenging you parents to create family traditions for Christian living. This is the way to help change our common culture. The standards upheld by Christian families wield a significant influence in the life of their communities. Unsound habits, careless living, absorption in materialistic things, these can be outruled and outlived through the power of the Christian home.

AT BRADENTON—

Retirement Home Site Purchased

The Sarasota District has purchased three parcels on Ware's Creek in Bradenton for over $100,000 as a site for a $1.5 million retirement home.

The Rev. Harry H. Waller, district superintendent, said the planned multi-story building will contain between 100 to 150 units and will be primarily for Methodists, although open to the public. Like most such homes, residents will pay a founder's fee and a monthly maintenance fee.

The three parcels of land purchased for the site include 420 feet of frontage on Ware's Creek, looking out on the nearby Manatee River.

Construction may begin within a year, Mr. Waller said. Joining him as trustees of Manatee County Methodist Apartments are A. K. Hawkins and C. Rowland Shannon.

Walter S. Hardin is chairman of the retirement home committee. Other members are Hawkins, vice chairman; Malcolm Duggan, Raymond Turner, J. B. Smith, Jr., Henry C. Sharp, Shannon, T. L. Chryst, Joe Lively, Jr., John Martin, Harper Kendrick, Carl Squires, Mrs. Doyle Varns, the Rev. Harold Miller, the Rev. Thomas Mitchell, the Rev. Richard Wilson, the Rev. John T. Dingley and the Rev. Frank Robinson.

District Loaned $20,000 For Retirement Home

The Board of Hospital and Homes voted at a Nov. 2 meeting to loan $20,000 to the Sarasota District for preliminary work in its planned retirement home at Bradenton.

Morton McDonald, DeLand, board chairman, said the funds are from a revolving fund established to assist such homes in the conference. The board has previously loaned $20,000 to Jacksonville District for preliminary work on its retirement home and has advanced $10,000 of a $20,000 loan to Miami District for the beginning of a nursing home.

The board also appointed a committee to study the hospital needs of the state and whether or not the Florida Conference should establish a Methodist hospital. The conference is now on record as being against such a move, he said.

The Rev. Harry H. Waller (left), superintendent of the Sarasota District, points out the district's retirement home site to (from left) John Psiris and Harold K. Wright, both from the General Board of Hospitals and Homes; Henry Sharp; Walter S. Hardin, chairman of Manatee County Methodist Apartment Committee; A. K. Hawkins, vice chairman; and the Rev. Thomas Glenn Mitchell, pastor of First Church, Bradenton.

OUR COVER

This month's cover picture introduces the Florida Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship officers for this year.

Pictured in the first row are (from left): Sandra Crawford, Lakeland, MY Fund secretary; Joyce Wardlow, Frostproof, witness; and Nancy Sloan, Jacksonville, youth office secretary.

In the second row are (from left): Shirley Mooney (since election, Shirley has found it necessary to resign her outreach chairmanship); Lynn Northrup, Daytona Beach, volunteer service chairman; Carolyn Albert, Dania, citizenship; Sandra Ulm, Lee, faith; Wanda Williams, Okeechobee, secretary; and Sue Morris, Pompano Beach, publications.

In the back row are (from left): Chuck Cannon, Frostproof, vice president; Edith Goodwin, associate director of youth work; Clark Thompson, Lakeland, president; Jerry Brooking, Clearwater, MY Fund director; Roy Harris, Orlando, publicity; Jinna Noel, St. Petersburg, fellowship; and the Rev. Warren Willis, director of youth work.

Not shown in the picture are Donna Axtell, Leesburg, outreach; G. W. Jacobs, Tellum editor; and Carol Strickland, youth office.

Emory University Enrolls 1st Negro

Robert W. Steele became the first Negro student to be accepted at Emory University when he began attending a course for high school teachers of mathematics and chemistry at Emory last month. Two more Negroes will be accepted as students at Emory for the winter quarter. Miss Allie Saxon and Mrs. Verdell Bellamy, both of Atlanta, will be enrolled in the Master of Nursing program.

A TIMELY SLOGAN—

LET'S TALK CHURCH SCHOOL

By MILTON H. WYATT
Executive Secretary
Board of Education

A few years ago the Southern Baptists had a slogan: "A Million More in '54." That slogan sent a lot of Baptists out into the highways and byways to bring people into their churches. There is power in a slogan.

LET'S TALK CHURCH SCHOOL is the recommended motto for our 1962-63 Southeastern Jurisdictional emphasis on "Evangelism through the Church School." I like to think that we will take this motto and make of it a slogan for rallying our forces in behalf of strengthening our church schools and making of them more effective agencies for winning persons to Christ.

LET'S TALK CHURCH SCHOOL from the pulpit. The main business of the church is to win persons to Christ and to help persons grow as Christians. Let us not forget this, too, is the main business of the church school which is the church carrying out its teaching function. In fact, the church school is the agency which accounts for at least 60 per cent of the persons who come into the church on profession of faith. Also, the church school sponsors a process of Christian learning for persons of all ages whereby growth in Christian character is fostered on a continuing basis. In the long run we can safely say: "As goes the church school, so goes the church." We cannot afford not to bring to the attention of our congregations the great importance of the church school.

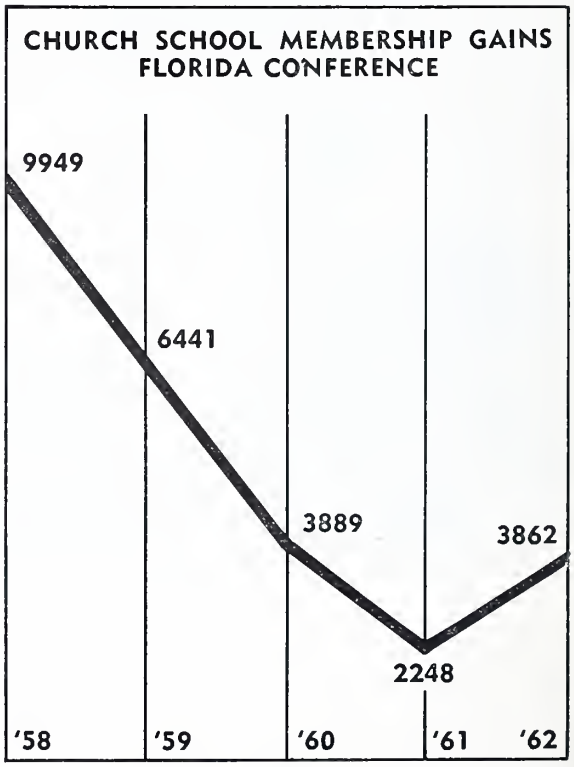
Let those of us actively engaged in the work of the church school talk church school among ourselves. Let the church school take on such importance to us that we readily make of it a topic of our conversation. Our real interests reflect themselves in our conversation. Questions which arise concerning them are: How are we doing? How can we improve the situation? As we talk church school among ourselves let us take stock of how we are doing and let us be constantly seeking out ways to improve our church schools.

LET'S TALK CHURCH SCHOOL among our friends and others both on the inside and outside of the church. One of our goals should be to relate every church member to the church school, remembering that there are four parts to the church school, namely: Sunday school, Methodist Sunday Evening Fellowship, home and extension service, and week-day activities. The church school idea embraces the concept of a teaching ministry which does not limit itself to Sunday mornings or restrict its activities to the church building alone.

As we think about talking church school to our friends and others outside of the church two observations are important. (1) It is easier to get a person outside of the church to join a church school class than it is to get him to join the church. (2) A person with a church school connection or background becomes a better prospect for church membership than does one who has never been exposed to the teaching ministry of the church.

LET'S TALK CHURCH SCHOOL because of the great possibilities inherent in the church school for helping to make the church itself a redemptive fellowship. In a worshiping congregation the average person does not establish close personal relationships with others. It is in the smaller groupings such as we find in our church school classes that we really come to know each other. As we come to know each other and are made to feel comfortable in our group, free to be ourselves and knowing that we are supported by each other, the fellowship within the framework of Christian teaching and witnessing becomes redemptive. Persons are helped in making their commitments to Christ and in their day-by-day living of the Christian life.

As the little graph on this page indicates, we made some gains in church school membership last year. We are told, however, that only One American in Four is a member of a church school. We have a big job to do. **LET'S TALK CHURCH SCHOOL.**



Thanksgiving Prayer

Eternal God, Our God

T — For
Tangled woods and turkey on the table, for TIME, 60 seconds, 60 minutes, 60 days of grace or 60 years or more or less of life to live,
WE THANK THEE.

H — For
Homes, however great or humble, for harvests and for hope which lifts each human heart,
WE THANK THEE.

A — For
Apples, bright on trees or hot and pungent in a pie, for appetites to savor and anticipate the more, for America, beautiful and stubborn in her youth, proffering her ideals to succor cynical and senile cultures and to guide the quivering nations newly come to birth.
WE THANK THEE.

N — For
Names, our names which set us each apart, symbols of our singularity, suggestive of significance, and for Thy Name above all names,
WE THANK THEE.

K — For
Kindness done to us and kindness we have been inspired to do,
WE THANK THEE.

S — For
Simple things like smiles, sensual things like songs, sublime things like sacrifice and salvation,
WE THANK THEE.

For Thy gracious gifts, all and in abundance,
We make this day and every day Thanksgiving. Amen.

—Dr. E. Clayton Calhoun
President, Paine College

M. L. Turbeville (left), Sarasota District lay leader, and the Rev. Harry H. Waller, district superintendent, admire the attendance trophy for the Methodist Men's Conferences which the district has won two years in a row.

Layman's Day Prayer Proves Quite Timely

The following is part of a Layman's Day prayer used by Kenneth G. Skaggs, vice-president of St. Petersburg Junior College, in services at First Church, Clearwater, on the Sunday President Kennedy was making his decision on the Cuban blockade.

"Our Father, invoke thy blessing, also, on one who walks a weary road alone, to whom the burdens and cares of this world are too great for one man to bear — bless our President, to whom comes the scorching blame for all the collective weaknesses of the rest of us, and from whom is expected all the greatness that the rest of us aspire to, but never attain. Walk with him, Father, when he is reviled, and shamed, and blamed, and help him to rise above the pettiness of ordinary men, the mistakes and miscalculations of the multitude, the impulsiveness of those who would influence him, the self-interests of those who would counsel him, and help him to be a statesman among the nations, a confounder of tyranny, a protector of the weak, a guardian of his people, and a champion of freedom and liberty."

13 Denominations Join In Youth Conference

The annual Florida United Christian Youth Movement Conference will be held at the Christian Church Conference Center at Silver Springs, Dec. 7-9. The cost for the weekend is $10.

Registrations may be obtained from UCYM Conference, MYF Box 78, Lakeland, Florida. The registration deadline is Dec. 1. Adult workers and youth pay only half price, $5.

The UCYM is made up of 13 cooperating denominations of the Florida Council of Churches. It is the youth division of the Florida Council of Churches.

Over $1 Million Asked In Thanksgiving Appeal

American Protestants and Eastern Orthodox church members will be asked for $1,009,110 in a special appeal during the Thanksgiving season to finance the Share Our Surplus Program, through which more than 10 million of the world's hungry will receive U.S. surplus foods.

SOS foodstuffs — 330,000,000 pounds valued at approximately $30 million — are scheduled for distribution in 1963 to the world's hungry in 32 areas of acute need in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Europe and the Middle East.

The Other Side of Florida

(Editor's Note—In recent issues we have pointed with pride that the Florida Conference leads U.S. Methodism in membership gain, church school enrollment gains, new churches, and giving to Advance Specials. It also excels in many other fields. Many of these achievements are directly related to Florida's booming growth on the Space Frontier. Like any frontier, however, Florida has its seamy side. Lest we forget some of the aspects of our state in which we cannot take pride, here are a list of recent news items compiled in the October issue of the Christian Action Alert, publication of United Christian Action, Inc., Lakeland, which is supported by The Methodist Church in the state along with several other Protestant denominations.)

Young Glue-Sniffers Trouble Police

MIAMI (July 25) — An 11-cent hangover which thrill-seeking youngsters obtain from sniffing glue vapors is providing a king-size headache for state law enforcement authorities. Glue sniffing produces an effect similar to an alcoholic jag.

TAMPA (Sept. 23) — Youngsters under 17 years of age found skipping lunch at school and using lunch money to play pinball machines at nearby hangouts. City officials take no action despite campaigns by school officials.

CLEWISTON (May 10) — Two teen-age girls killed, five others injured in auto crash by drinking driver who stopped at tavern for two drinks of whiskey despite protests by passengers in car.

JACKSONVILLE (July 21) — Two high school students help expose six beer and liquor establishments for selling alcoholic beverages to fellow students.

ORLANDO (Sept. 13) — Local businessman robs bank of $738, fails in attempt to rob another, wrecks car, and then commits suicide by shooting himself, after drinking heavily.

Young People Easily Obtain Liquor

BRADENTON (Sept. 10) — Four youths charged with possessing alcoholic beverages and 21-year-old charged with giving alcoholic beverages to a minor. All released on $50 bonds.

WINTER HAVEN (May 29) — Auto wreck kills youth, 16, on way to senior class picnic. Eighteen-year-old driver of car admits drinking 15 cans of beer prior to accident.

TALLAHASSEE (Sept. 13) — Dade legislator makes light of gambling law violations in pardon plea for convicted gamblers, stating "it is only a gambling case."

ST. CLOUD (Sept. 1) — Tavern hours extended from 11 p.m. to midnight by city council.

HAINES CITY (May 8) — Father charged with contributing to delinquency of two minor children after leaving them in an automobile for four hours while he and his wife became intoxicated in a beer joint.

DeLAND (May 30) — Young woman dies after being beaten by drunken refugee.

TAMPA (June 1) — Driver of kiddie train at Florida State Fair which hurt five children in a crash in February is found guilty of being intoxicated while operating the kiddie ride.

Pari-Mutual Gambling Increases in State

MIAMI (July 20) — Pari-mutual gambling for fiscal year ending June 30 totaled $363,082,896,, an increase of $18 million over previous year. Dog race gambling was up $14 million; jai-alai gambling was up $5 million and horse race gambling down $1 million.

NEW PORT RICHEY — (July 9) — Liquor attorneys challenge city council's authority to cut closing hours of taverns from 2 a.m. to midnight. Ordinance had been passed because of complaints of late-hour noise and other disturbances.

TALLAHASSEE (June 7) — Former state beverage agent found guilty of accepting payoffs from liquor dealers to protect them in furnishing liquor for illegal sale in dry counties.

Commitment Day Asks Question: 'What Does Drinking Mean to You?'

To seek understanding of the people who are total abstainers, moderate drinkers or alcoholics, Methodists will confront themselves on Commitment Day, Dec. 2, with the question: "What does drinking mean to you?"

This year's theme for the annual, church-wide observance stresses not only the individual's answer to the question, but his perceiving the reasons behind the answers of other people, explained Roger Burgess, head of the denomination's Division of Temperance and General Welfare.

Commitment Day encourages Methodist individuals and families to decide and act concerning alcoholic beverages and the problems produced by alcohol.

The division points out that "drinking has become a symbol in our society," whether of status or of moral decay. Since "a Christian cares about people, he strains to see how things look through another's eyes" in an effort to learn what he can do.

Questions asked by the Commitment Day literature include these:

With nearly five million alcoholics in America today, "can you imagine the livid torture of guilt and ruin which mars his (the alcoholic's) every day?" and "have you done everything you can to bring healing help to him and his family?'

Since more than one-half of U.S. adults use alcoholic beverages, "have you made a study of drinking patterns in a sincere attempt to understand why people drink?"

"Does your life testify that warm sociability and vivid joy in living do not depend upon alcohol?" "Do you respect every person's right not to drink?"

The Methodist General Conference, which is on record as "in militant opposition to the liquor traffic," has set aside Commitment Day to give church members opportunity to discuss the reasons for the church's position.

$600,000 Appropriated

The Board of Publication of The Methodist Church voted recently to appropriate $600,000 for retired ministers, the same amount as last year.

BUT PARADOXES EXIST

Importance of Family Life Proclaimed

By JACK DETWEILER

"It is the Christian home that is the foundation upon which we have to build — and the hope for tomorrow."

This ringing declaration by Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles summed up the views of 3,700 delegates and visitors attending the fourth National Methodist Conference on Family Life in Chicago.

There was no doubt in the minds of those attending the three-day conference that family life holds the key to our faith. As Bishop Hazen G. Werner of Ohio asserted in his keynote address:

"Christianity itself will fail if it fails to prevail in the home. You and I are here because we believe that the family is the hope of our age and that Christ is the hope of the family."

Amid these strong statements was a paradox, however.

Two of the five principal speakers candidly admitted that they could hardly speak with authority on family life. The demands of their work left little time for family pursuits.

One was Bishop Kennedy and the other was the Rev. Bob Richards, two-time Olympic pole vault champion and now director of the Wheaties Sports Foundation.

How much concern do we as Methodists have for the family life of our bishops? For our preachers for that matter? Two of the resolutions coming out of the conference were an effort to preserve some shred of family life for our ministers among the many, conflicting demands of the church.

There was still another paradox, quite evident to those delegates attending the Florida Conference meeting.

The Rev. Louie Blackwell (foreground), Ormond Beach, conference chairman of family life, discusses the Florida Conference program with delegates attending the National Family Life Conference. Approximately 20 delegates attended the meeting.

A world-wide Methodist emphasis on family life was approved by the World Methodist Council — perhaps leading to a world family life assembly. And yet, adequate family life programs seem to languish at the conference and local church level for lack of genuine enthusiasm and financial support.

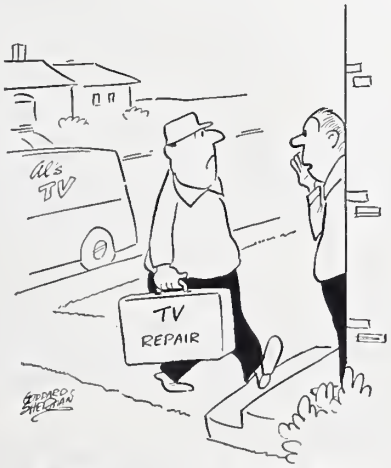
These paradoxes would lend credence to a belief that one of the greatest dangers facing a true revival of family unity is that it will be proclaimed as boldly as a politician's love for "God, Mother and Country" while we continue to undermine it by neglecting our families for "the more important issues of the day."

In the workshop I attended we spent a good deal of time discussing the question: "Is the church, as an institution, for or against family life?"

The consensus of the group was that the Christian concept of stewardship must play an important role here. The demands of the church should not crowd out the needs of the family, and the desire for family fellowship should not preclude service to the church.

The pendulum can swing too far in either direction, it was agreed. There is a danger — especially among those attending a family life conference — to make a cult of the family. Family life in itself is not enough. Family "togetherness" at the country club is not the salvation of our age.

Those attending the conference came away convinced that family life and faith must go hand-in-hand. If Christianity is not manifested in our family relationships, our religion is hollow indeed. If Jesus Christ is not Lord of our families, then the door is open for further disappointment, delinquency and divorce.



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LETTER FROM VERA—

'Your Heart Feels at Home in a Stranger's Land'

In a letter to Mrs. Allen Watson, conference secretary of missionary education and service, Miss Vera Hughlett, R.N., writes from Ganta Hospital and Nurses' Training School, Monrovia, Liberia:

"The second baby of the day made its difficult appearance into the world. The three women relatives who were in the delivery room literally sat and rolled on the floor in silent mourning when the baby did not breathe and cry. The helplessness of their sorrow was certainly easy to share knowing that this woman had just borne her fifth child and none of the other four were living. We used the several means of resuscitation we had on hand and soon had the youngster breathing but not crying. A little later as I bathed the baby under the watchful eyes of the grandmother and aunts, he made his first small noises. I wish you could have seen the spontaneous reaction of the women as they began their shuffling, swaying dance of joy for a new child . . .

"Can you picture a long work table in a central supply room? A nurse stands at the table bathing a newborn infant, being watched by two C.S.R. workers, one missionary mother who asked to watch a delivery, and around and around the table dipping and chanting their age-old song, dance three old women who approach every few minutes to stroke my hand or arm, or put an arm around my waist and say over and over, 'Tenk you! Tenk you!' The baby is still not acting right and they know it — but it is alive now — and would not have had it been born in the village— and they are thankful.

Vera Hughlett

"And God loves them, and He loves this little albino baby. 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life'.

"When a dark, rainy Sunday afternoon suddenly mothers a vivid double rainbow in the back yard . . . when a 13-year-old schoolboy works beside you cleaning out a dusty old attic storeroom during the hottest part of the day and doesn't mention that it is past time for him to get off work . . . when a small girl offers to give you her doll made for her by her father, just because you stop in to admire it . . . when a pregnant hospital worker comes to you and asks, if her baby is a girl, would you mind if she named it for you . . . then you begin to understand why your heart feels at home in a strangers' land."

Vera Hughlett is a Florida girl, daughter of Florida missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Hughlett. She is supported in her work as a short term missionary under the Woman's Division by the Florida Conference Woman's Society. Her home is in Cocoa Beach.

Two Floridians Attend Vocations Conference

Two Florida young women attended the Southeastern Jurisdiction Christian Vocations Conference at Scarritt College, Oct. 26-28, as guests of the Florida Conference Woman's Society.

They are Kathleen Curry, Trinity Church, Miami, a student at Florida State University, and Beverly McBain, a student at Stetson University, whose home church is Park Temple Church, Fort Lauderdale.

The conference is held annually for young women interested in full-time Christian vocations and gives them an opportunity to meet representatives of the Woman's Division and others from whom they may learn of the opportunities and requirements. Also they can meet and talk with other young people already engaged in various phases of Christian service. Beverly's primary interest is church music; Kathleen plans for a career as a social worker.

Mrs. George Carleton, Orlando, conference secretary of missionary personnel, is the person with final responsibility for choosing the candidates who may be recommended by secretaries of student work, Wesley Foundations, and others, preferably from students in their junior year in college.

Two Florida Women Attend UN Seminar

Mrs. David Thurman, Miami, conference president, and Mrs. Howard Anderson, Daytona Beach, conference secretary of Christian social relations, represented the Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service at the United Nations Leadership Seminar in New York and Washington, D.C., Oct. 7-10, sponsored jointly by the Woman's Division and the Division of World Peace.

Mrs. Grady Holbert, Jacksonville Beach, secretary of missionary education for the Jacksonville District, displays an unusual styrofoam map of current mission study countries. The district educational seminar was held at Southside Church in Jacksonville. (Photo by R. J. Gisler)

Executive Committee Plans Future Activities at Interim Conference

Planning future activities was the main emphasis of the Ad Interim Meeting of the executive committee of the Florida Conference Woman's Society at Winter Haven, Oct. 29-21.

The 26 officers and chairmen discussed plans for the annual meeting at Daytona Beach Community Church, April 23-26, Conference School of Missions, July 22-26, and the Guild Weekend of Missions, July 26-29.

A training workshop for district presidents and secretaries of promotion was tentatively scheduled for the second week of December. The precise date will depend upon results of a round-robin letter now circulating among the districts. The place will be Cloister Court Motel, Silver Springs.

Another new departure authorized by the executive committee is pre-registration for School of Missions. Heretofore registration has been on a first-come, first-served basis. But as the size of the school increases, women coming from the far away districts find classes filled and are obliged to take what they can get. Details are still being worked out, and district secretaries will receive precise instructions from the secretary of missionary education, Mrs. Allen Watson, by Jan. 1.

Reports from district presidents indicate that there have been seven new woman's societies, 11 new guilds, and one new district member added to the Florida Conference Society and Guild since June 1, with one society 100 per cent organized. They are:

DeLand District—district member at Riverdale church. Gainesville District—Woman's Society at St. John's Church, Cotton Plant. Jacksonville District—Livington-Anderson society and guild; Wesconnett, Glynlea, Epperson, Jacksonville, and Christ Church, Neptune Beach, guilds. Lakeland District has a new WSCS at Crystal Lake, Lakeland. Miami District at Peace Church, Cutler Ridge-Perrine; Orlando District at Indian River City with new guilds at Mt. Dora and Orlando, St. Paul's. Sarasota District has a new society at Cape Coral; St. Petersburg District has one at St. Paul's Church, St. Petersburg, and a new guild at Largo. Tallahassee District has a new guild at St. Paul's Church, Tallahassee, and Tampa District has two news guilds—Manhattan Ave., Tampa, and Sunset Heights, Plant City.

WSG Committee Plans Activities

The Conference Standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild met in Sebring for a planning conference on Oct. 13-14. Presided over by Mrs. Luther Ray, Tampa, conference secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, the committee includes Mrs. David Thurman, president of the conference woman's society; Mrs. J. Frank McGrew, Tampa, recording secretary; Miss Olive Horton, Miami, chairman of Christian social relations; Miss Jennie Tapp, Orlando, chairman of literature and publications; Miss Edna Mae Everitt, Miami, chairman of missionary education and service; Miss Margaret Field, Jacksonville, chairman of spiritual life; Miss Nadine Turnipseed, Key West, chairman of supply work, and Miss Nina Bratton, Jacksonville, chairman of the committee on nominations of the conference guild.

Also present were the district guild secretaries: DeLand—Miss Lavada Sanders, Palatka; Gainesville—Mrs. Nelson Green, Starke; Jacksonville—Miss Louise Medcraft, Jacksonville; Lakeland—Mrs. Alice Lockmiller, Clermont; Miami—Mrs. H. J. Brizzard, Hialeah; Orlando—Mrs. Hulda Nasworthy, Orlando; St. Petersburg—Mrs. Floyd Rhoad, St. Petersburg; Sarasota—Mrs. Oscar Smith, Bradenton; Tallahassee—Miss Virginia Maxwell, Perry; Tampa—Mrs. C. L. Husbands, Tampa; West Palm Beach—Mrs. Helen Ferrell, West Palm Beach.

Others attending were Mrs. L. F. Shore, treasurer; Mrs. H. Quillian Jones, secretary of promotion; Mrs. H. V. Weems, Sebring, and Mrs. Virgil Morgan, Sarasota, members-at-large of the conference woman's society.

Plans were made for the Annual Guild Weekend to be held at the Youth Camp, Leesburg, March 1-3, 1963, with the theme "Frontiers that Call Us." Special emphasis will be given to the 75th anniversary of the deaconess movement, and it is planned to include a missionary speaker, clinics in lines of work and leadership training, also a pledge service and worship service. It is also planned to invite two fraternal delegates from the Central Jurisdiction.

News From The Churches

HAVE YOU A SPARE PENNY?

The young people of Trinity Church, Lakeland, have started a drive to collect a million pennies, in order to get underway a chapel and other long-planned additions to the church plant. If anyone should make the "mistake" of dropping in a dime or a quarter the sponsors have said that they will overlook the error and promptly change the coins into pennies.

CHANCEL CHOIR PRESENTS CONCERT

The Chancel Choir of Riverside Park Church, Jacksonville, presented Joseph Hayden's "The Creation," at an evening service recently. Robert O. Hoffelt is director of music at Riverside Park. Guest organist was Roselyn Langdale, regular organist at Trinity Church, Jacksonville.

TWO CHURCHES BUY NEW SITE

Grace Church and First Church, St. Augustine, are jointly purchasing a three and six-tenths acre tract of land at St. Augustine Beach for the establishment of a new Methodist congregation in the near future. The purchase price of $2,600 is being shared equally by the two sponsoring congregations. The Rev. John B. Gill, Jr., is pastor of Grace Church and the Rev. E. Nash Philpot is pastor of First Church.

POLICEMAN GIVES LECTURE SERIES

St. Johns Church, Tampa, has begun a series of lectures on "Vice and the Church," given by Bill Whitmer, a member of the Tampa Police Department. Mr. Whitmer's topics include alcoholism, narcotics and the sex offender.

FOUR FELLOWSHIP GROUPS FORMED

In order to form closer ties among the members, First Church, Ft. Myers, has formed four fellowship groups. These groups, divided alphabetically, meet once a month for a covered dish supper and fellowship. The groups provide an opportunity for church members to become acquainted.

. . . At Miami Beach

TOURISTS GIVEN RIDE TO CHURCH

St. John's-on-the-Lake Church, Miami Beach, now offers free transportation from the beach hotels to its 11 o'clock worship service. The Rev. A. Gene Parks, pastor, reports that a group picture is also made of each week's visitors and is sent to them at their home address.

PRESENT BIBLES TO INDIANS

Youth of Palm Springs Church, Hialeah, presented 30 Bibles to the Mekisukey Indians in Dania recently. Money for the Bibles was raised during the church's Youth Activities Week in August.

. . . At Bowling Green

MEN'S CLUB PLANTS GROVE

The Methodist Men's Club of Bowling Green Church has moved 45 trees to plant an orange grove adjoining the church. Income from the grove will be for church construction and Advance Specials for missions.

CHURCH HOLDS TITHERS' BANQUET

Snyder Memorial Church, Jacksonville, is holding its annual "Tithers' Banquet" on Nov. 28 under the sponsorship of the commission on stewardship and finance. The church has 87 registered tithers.

NAMED TO NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Grant Pullen, minister of music at First Church, St. Petersburg, has been named to a five-member national committee to evaluate the accomplishments of the National Federation of Methodist Musicians and make recommendations for future steps to be taken by the group.

STRANGE DEVELOPMENT NOTED

Morrison Memorial Church, Leesburg, reported in its bulletin that the Sunday during the height of the Cuban crisis was a strange one indeed. A large number of people attended worship services, as expected in a time of crisis, but the offering was the smallest in years.

FAITHFUL AT AGE 104

John A. Hartman is still a faithful attender at First Church, Coral Gables, although he is 104. He still likes to go to church although he can no longer hear the sermon. He also observes each birthday with an annual letter to the church.

CROSS CITY 'HOMECOMING'—

Founding Pastor Preaches at Church's 40th Anniversary

Cross City Church observed its 40th anniversary with a former minister in the pulpit and a district superintendent as a guest of honor.

What might seem a routine "Homecoming Sunday" has special significance, however.

The former minister was the Rev. C. T. Howes, now pastor of Hudson Church, who organized the Cross City Church in 1922.

The district superintendent was the Rev. J. E. McKinley, Gainesville, who was recommended for a license to preach by the church back in 1931 — thus starting his long years of service to the Florida Conference.

In a history of the church written by H. A. Langston, the founding of the church was described as follows:

"Dixie County had been created the year before from Lafayette County and a heated political fight was being waged by Cross City, Eugene, and Old Town to get the county seat. Dixie County did not boast a single paved road. A narrow rock road ran from Cross City to Old Town and north towards Branford.

"Cross City had a small three-room frame school house located in rear of the present Smith Furniture Co. The only church in town was a Baptist. They had a small frame building located where the old cemetery now stands. Cross City was booming, however, because Putnam Lumber Co. had recently moved its big logging camp from Clara to Shamrock.

"It was this year that a young Methodist minister came into this raw, wide open frontier situation determined that Cross City should have a Methodist Church, also. The year — was 1922. The minister was C. T. Howes. He had a charge composed of Old Town, Cross City, Clara and Carbur. He lived in Old Town at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Chaires and rode the train to his mission outposts. A great tent revival was held in which he was assisted by the Rev. P. K. Rowell and the Rev. W. S. Foxworth. Seventy new members were received at one meeting and the Cross City Methodist Church was born."

The present pastor of the church is the Rev. Ernest B. Coffee.

Home Worship Aided

The Department of Christian Family of the General Board of Education prepares two attractive worship folders for family use on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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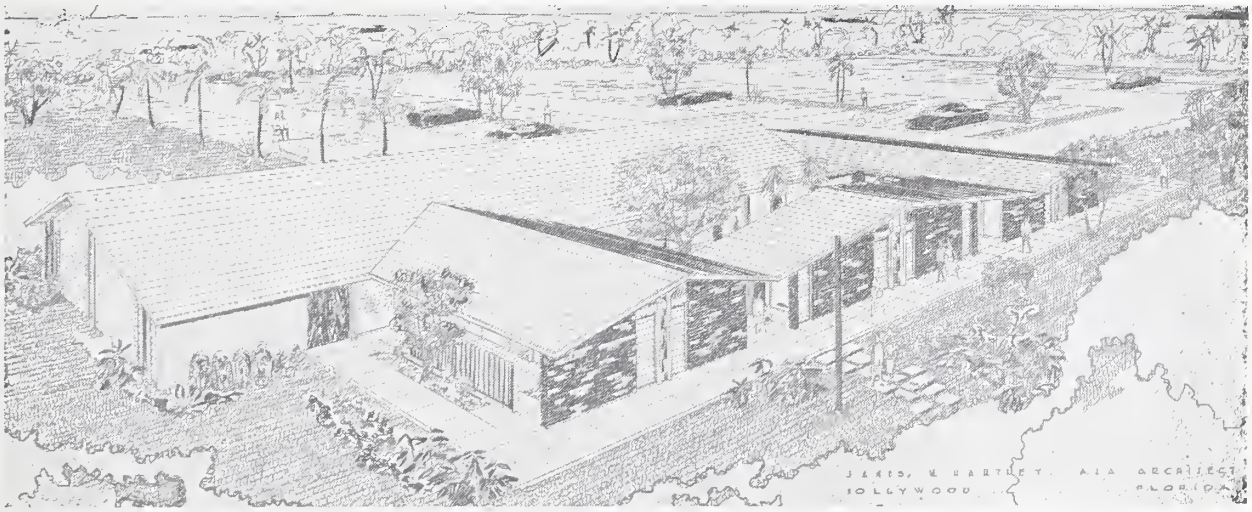
New Policy Aids Resettlement of Refugees In Florida Communities Outside of Miami

The Rev. Harold R. Hodgson, director of Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief in Miami, reports that the federal government has changed its policy so that now Cuban refugees anywhere in the state of Florida can receive federal assistance after they leave Miami.

The federal funds are designed to help refugees until they are employed, or if they lose their job. Now refugees anywhere in the state are eligible for the same aid that was once restricted to the Miami area, he said.

Mr. Hodgson said this new policy should enable more Florida communities to sponsor Cuban refugees since they do not have to worry about this basic financial aid if the refugees do not find employment within a few weeks.

He also reports that there is a desperate need for good, clean clothing—especially for men. The clothing may be sent to MCOR distribution center at 471 S.W. 8th St., Miami.



Plantation Church, Ft. Lauderdale, recently held consecration services for its new $85,000 building. The structure is the first unit in the master plan of the church. It includes a social hall-sanctuary, church school rooms and offices, kitchen and restrooms. The Rev. Henry J. Galloway, pastor, reports that the 325-member church, organized 2½ years ago, has an active music program. It has four choirs — adult, primary, junior and youth — and a "Family Hymn Sing" one Sunday night a month, which has an average attendance of 100.

College Heights Church Observes 50th Anniversary

College Heights Church, Lakeland, observed its 50th anniversary Nov. 4 with three former pastors leading its worship services.

The Rev. John J. Rooks, Lakeland District superintendent, who served the church from 1950 to 1954, preached at the 8:45 a.m. service.

The Rev. Laurie Ray, West Palm Beach District superintendent, who was pastor at College Heights from 1940 to 1944, preached at 11 a.m.

The Rev. Thomas Mitchell, pastor of First Church, Bradenton, who served the Lakeland Church from 1956 to 1960, presented the Communion meditation at the evening service.

The Rev. R. Eugene Rutland, Jr., pastor, said the church's history dates back to June 27, 1912, when it was first established as the Dixieland Methodist Church. Later the name of the church, located a few blocks from Florida Southern College, was changed to College Heights.

The observance of the anniversary was postponed from June until November because the date fell so soon after Annual Conference when it was felt that some former pastors having new assignments might not be able to be present.

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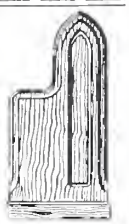

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The four, along with Mrs. Wallace T. McDaniel of Tampa, are planning a sixth renewal next year. Williams, who is serving as chairman of the group, requests suggestions for time and place be mailed to him at P.O. Box 2601, Tampa 1, Florida.

Methodist Parsonage At Nome Destroyed

The Methodist parsonage in Nome, Alaska, until recently the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Gerald McCray, pastor of Bowling Green Church, was virtually destroyed by fire on Sept. 22.

The Rev. Howard deVore and his family escaped without serious injury, although 11-year-old Joel suffered severe arm burns in helping his nine-year-old brother, Jon, to escape through a window.

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ANSWER—One speech I heard equated moral strength with willingness to push the button for a nuclear holocaust. If this were really the standard, Hitler would be one of the great moral and spiritual giants of our generation.

I think true moral strength would include these elements:

(1) Enough faith in ourselves that we do not panic every time an adversary (Khrushchev, for instance) reminds us that we have competition;

(2) Ability to see the abiding truths beyond contemporary passions;

(3) A willingness to face facts;

(4) Insistence that our actions reflect our own best standards rather than being reflexes of our opponents';

(5) Determination to distinguish between cooperation and appeasement;

(6) Sincere good will toward our adversaries, persistently pressed no matter how bad their behavior is and how firmly we must say "no" to them.

I think these boil down to a question of whether we really believe in God as made known to us in Jesus Christ.

Audio-Visual Workshop Scheduled in Clermont

A workshop on how to use and care for audio-visual materials and equipment will be held at First Church, Clermont, Dec. 9-11, for pastors and others concerned with the operation of such equipment.

Troy M. Wakefield, head of the department of church and community service for the Division of General Extension, Florida Institue of Continuing University Studies, will serve as instructor for the course.

Attempt To Rescue Cat Leads to Broken Arm

The Rev. Whitney J. Dough, pastor of Wauchula Church, has a broken right arm — the result of his efforts to save a small white cat from a big Boxer dog in his neighborhood.

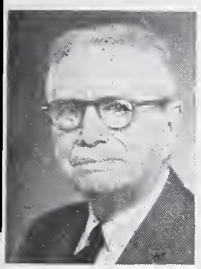
He saw the dog pounce on the cat in his yard through a living room window. As he rushed to rescue it, he slipped on the rug and fell, breaking his arm.

Fortunately for the cat, Mrs. Dough also spotted its predicament and also raced to the rescue. When she got to the cat two Boxers were upon it, but she beat them off with a broom.

Happily, both Mr. Dough and the cat are reported to be mending nicely after the incident.

Bishop Welch Feted On 100th Birthday

Methodism's senior Bishop Herbert Welch, whose 100th birthday was celebrated by more than a thousand friends in the Waldorf Astoria grand ball room the evening of election day, has set several records.



Welch

Bishop Welch, so far as historians at the Methodist Publishing House can determine, is the first person to have written his autobiography in his 100th year. This 144 page, illustrated book was published by Abingdon Press Nov. 5 under the title "As I Recall My First Century."

Also, he apparently is the first Methodist bishop to round out 10 decades. He is the oldest alumnus of each of his three alma maters.

Unpublished Letters

That after more than a century and a half there may still be undiscovered letters penned by early Methodist fathers is made to seem likely by Vol. I, No. 1 of the new quarterly magazine, **Methodist History.**

In its initial issue, dated October, 1962, its editor, the Rev. Elmer T. Clark, presents 10 unpublished letters of John Wesley and 14 of Francis Asbury.

Births

Sept. 29—A boy, Russel Edward, to the Rev. and Mrs. James Denslow. Mr. Denslow is a student at Duke Divinity School.

Former Treasurer Ill

Rollo H. Johnson, treasurer of the Florida Conference for many years, is reported to be ill at the home of his son, Harold Johnson, in Bradenton. Mr. Johnson was also treasurer of the Board of Pensions for many years.

CALENDAR

Nov. 15 — Board of Trustees, Florida Southern College.

Nov. 16-18—MYF Adult Workers Convocation, Leesburg Youth Camp.

Nov. 20—Fall meeting, Conference Board of Education, Florida Southern private dining room, 12:15 p. m.

Nov. 26—Tallahassee District Conference, First Church, Perry, 9:00 a. m.

Nov. 27—Gainesville District Conference, First Church, Lake City, 9:00 a. m.

Nov. 27—Jacksonville District Conference, Arlington Church, 2:00 p. m.

Nov. 28 — DeLand District Conference, Trinity Church, Palatka, 9:00 a. m.

Nov. 28—Orlando District Conference, at Apopka Church, 2:00 p. m.

Nov. 29—Lakeland District Conference, Lake Wales Church, 9:00 a. m.

Nov. 29 — Tampa District Conference, Bayshore Church, Tampa, 2:00 p.m.

Nov. 30—St. Petersburg District Conference, Lealman Church, St. Petersburg, at 9:00 p. m.

Dec. 2—Commitment Sunday.

Dec. 3—Sarasota District Conference, at Trinity Church, Bradenton, 2:00 p. m.

Dec. 4—West Palm Beach District Conference, Riviera Beach Church 9:00 a. m.

Dec. 4—Miami District Conference, No. Hialeah Church, 2:00 p. m.

Dec. 7-9—United Christian Youth Movement Conference, Christian Conference Center, Silver Springs.

Dec. 9—Universal Bible Sunday.

Dec. 10-11—Conference Board of Evangelism, First Church, Ocala (2 p.m. Monday until noon Tuesday).

Dec. 10-11—Board of Directors of United Christian Action, First Baptist Church, Lakeland. (4 p. m. until noon Tuesday).

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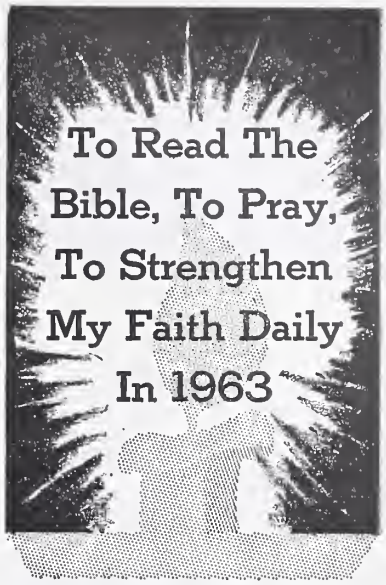

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Old Building

New Sanctuary

William Norris (left), lay leader of St. Luke's Church, Central Jurisdiction, in Plant City, receives keys to its new sanctuary from Bruce Carlton, lay leader of First Church, Plant City. Looking on are Frank Robbinson, chairman of the official board at First Church, and the Rev. T. Newton Wise, pastor.

Plant City Church Aids Negro Methodist Congregation Build Sanctuary

A helping hand extended by members of First Church, Plant City, has enabled the Central Jurisdiction church in the community to move into a new sanctuary valued at $10,000.

The Negro congregation, comprising less than 30 members, had been seeking a new sanctuary for years. They were meeting in a ramshackled house that had served as a Sunday school building before their previous sanctuary was condemned and torn down.

Two years ago the congregation erected a foundation and laid a floor for their new sanctuary—only to run out of funds.

The plight of the church was brought to Bishop Henley's attention by its district superintendent, and Bishop Henley referred the matter to the Rev. T. Newton Wise, pastor of First Church.

Mr. Wise met with the congregation to familiarize himself with the problem. Then he began to secure donations of work and money from members of his own church and from others in the community.

The Negro congregation is served by the Rev. P. L. Blow, who serves churches in Lakeland and Bartow as well. Writing on behalf of the congregation, he said in a letter to Mr. Wise:

"May we take this method in thanking you, First Methodist Church, and all those individuals who have been so generous in aiding us at St. Luke's Methodist Church.

"We pray God's richest blessing upon you and First Methodist and pray that God will richly bless those persons who have given of their substance to promote the Kingdom of God among all the people of Plant City. We could never have done what has been done without your aid and assistance."

MORE SITES PURCHASED—

3 Churches Organized in Sarasota District

Two new churches were organized in the Sarasota District during October, and a third will be organized on Nov. 18.

The Harbor Heights Church was organized with 40 members on Oct. 14 and will be known as "The Methodist Peace Chapel." Chaplain Eli Richard is pastor of the new church, which worships now in the community center. Eventually, the church will build on a 2½-acre site near the entrance to the development on the Peace River known as Harbor Heights.

On Oct. 21 a church was organized at Cape Coral with 107 members. The Rev. Royal Page and the Rev. Walter Day were instrumental in its organization.

On Nov. 18 another church will be organized at North Port Charlotte under the leadership of the Rev. A. A. Soldner. It will be the eighth church organized in the district during the term of the Rev. Harry H. Waller, district superintendent.

Three more church sites have been purchased at Sebring Country Estates, East Naples, and on Siesta Key. Mr. Waller and the Rev. Henry Blackburn, executive secretary of church extension, spent two days recently surveying other potential sites in the district's church extension program.

BISHOP HENLEY DUE BACK HOME NOVEMBER 25

Bishop and Mrs. Henley will return from South America on Sunday, Nov. 25.

Bishop Henley will preach that Sunday night at St. Luke's Church, St. Petersburg, and will then go to Perry for the Tallahassee District Conference.

He will preach at each of the 11 district conferences.

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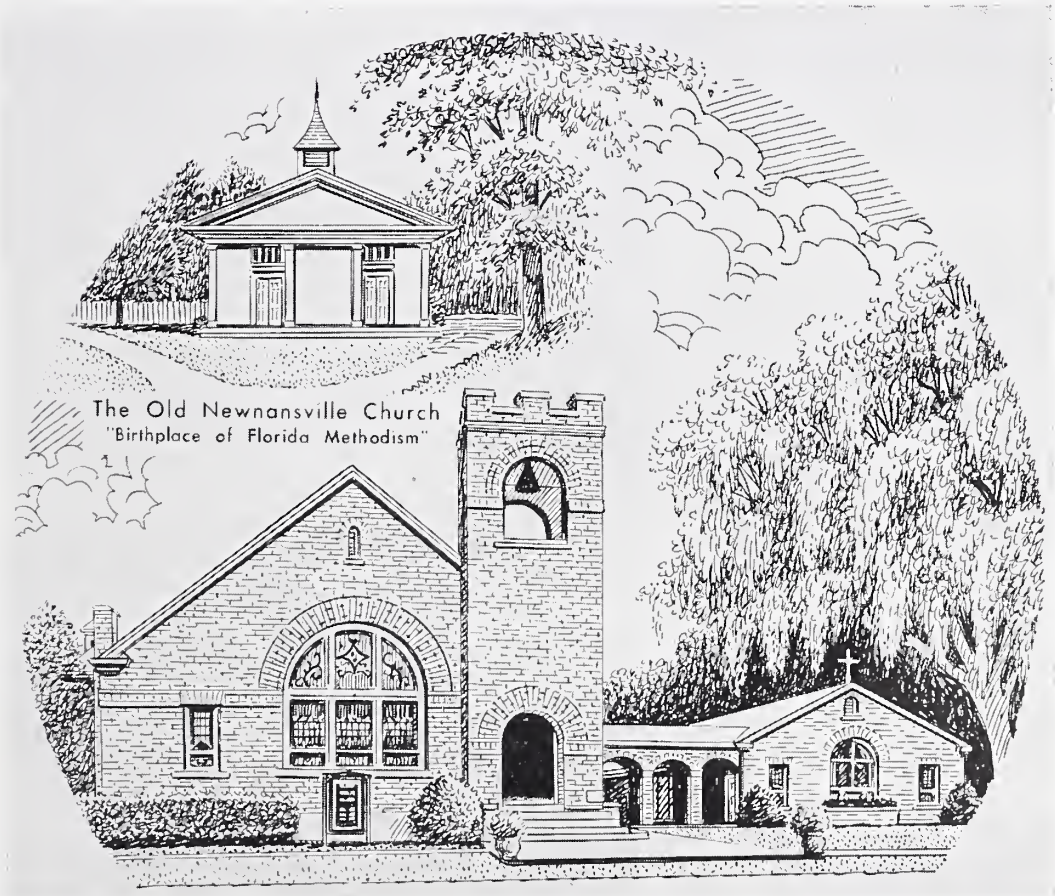

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The Bishop Calls—

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Dear Readers of the Florida Methodist:

I understand that my last letter to you went astray. I am terribly sorry that you've received no word of our visit to South America. I dictated an account of my visit with brother Kenneth Traxler from the city of Brasilia, but word comes that the envelope was damaged when it reached Jacksonville and the dictation disk could not be deciphered.

Kenneth Traxler, as most Florida Methodists know, has been doing wonderful work in one of the suburbs of Rio de Janeiro. Under his leadership a small, struggling congregation has grown into a vigorous, progressive church. Through the generosity of Florida Methodists a beautiful educational unit has been built in memory of Bishop John W. Branscomb. This lovely building houses the Sunday school, the temporary sanctuary, the week-day kindergarten, and provides an apartment for the minister's family.

We were thrilled to hear the story of Methodism in Rio de Janeiro. Bennett College and Central Institute (with approximately 1,000 students each) make no apologies for their evangelical faith. Across the years they have made their witness to the gospel which brought them into being and which has been the reason for their continuing ministry to the people of this great, sprawling city. The orphanage home, with its 140 boys and girls, is an inspiration. One evening a dozen native Brazilian ministers came together to discuss the work of the church. I was tremendously moved to hear the story of their work and of their dreams for the future. On another night, about a dozen missionaries gathered. They were anxious to hear about the work of the church in the U.S. But it wasn't difficult to turn their discussion to Methodism in Brazil, for it is to Brazil that they have dedicated their lives, and it is through The Methodist Church that they are rendering their service to Christ. The Methodist Church is growing in this great city. It is planning intelligently for the future and it feels important to the Kingdom.

Our next stop was Belo Horizonte. Here we stayed at Colegio Isabela Hendrix. Methodism has made a great impression on this nation with its schools. This institution is known as one of the finest for girls in this section of Brazil. Our Central Methodist Church is strategically situated in the very heart of the city. I attended the training school there for Christian workers and spoke to one of the classes. During the afternoon we visited outlying Methodist churches and were interested in the number of sites which had been bought for churches yet to be organized.

Next morning we flew to Brasilia, which is the new capital of Brazil. This fantastic city is almost an incredible accomplishment. The site for its location shows it is an attempt to draw this nation's population to the wealth and opportunities that are available. There is no railroad reaching inland as far as Brasilia. All materials for its streets, sidewalks, government buildings and apartment houses have been brought in by truck or plane. Brother Traxler

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Bishop Henley Reports on South American Tour

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is to move here in January to become pastor of the two Methodist Churches within the central city. He is very excited about the opportunities that await him here, and I share with him in the feeling that this assignment is one of tremendous challenge.

Our next visit was at Sao Paulo where we stayed at the Methodist Institute. This is a school for training deaconesses. Sao Paulo is another tremendous city where there are 64 Methodist churches. Our Methodist seminary for Brazil is here. It is a building that would do credit to any educational institution anywhere. One gets the feeling that Brazilian Methodism is very much alive. The language school where missionaries learn to speak Portuguese and to live as the Brazilians is not far from the city.

I was fortunate in that the three Methodist bishops of Brazil were in Sao Paulo while we were there. We visited in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Araçunga. This is a new city on the frontier. In this section of Brazil you will find a city of 100,000 people where no city at all existed 15 years ago. The Dinkins were wonderful to us, showing us about and introducing us to the people. By the way, Burrell Dinkins is a brother of Ed Dinkins (pastor at Frostproof) and Mrs. Jim Rowan (wife of the pastor at Fulford, Miami.)

One experience we will cherish a long time is our visit to the home of Brother Joseph, a Methodist share-cropper on a coffee plantation. This wonderful little man with his big family lives in the heart of coffee country—two miles from the nearest paved road. The red clay isolates them from the rest of the world in wet weather. But when the skies are clear he is always to be found in church — having walked to the highway to catch the bus to town 9 miles away.

Brazil is a big country. We visited Porte Alegre where Methodism again has two fine schools. Colegio Americano for girls and Instituto Porte Alegre for boys. Each has approximately 1,000 students. Each requires courses in Bible and daily chapel services.

We were here on Sunday and I preached in the Gloria Methodist Church. This is another great city of Brazil. Methodism has a good foothold. The church in this country still desperately needs the support and encouragement of American Methodism, and we must continue to undergird it with our prayers and resources. At the same time, Brazilian people are proud and independent. They are not wanting a handout. They are wanting brotherly love and cooperation in the building of the Kingdom. I wish there were more time and space to tell you about our experiences here. For instance, from Porte Alegre Miss Mary Helen Florence took us up to Passo Fundo, a beautiful little city in the interior. Passo Fundo is on a plateau 3,000 feet above sea level. It is "cow country" and many of the boys and girls come from ranches. We have a fine school here, too. It boasts 800 students. The Methodist Church, in the heart of the city, has been a part of its community life for about 50 years. This section of Brazil is exceedingly fertile, and flying over it one has the feeling that its broad fields could just about feed the world. We spent almost three weeks in Brazil and many wonder that we have seen so many places, but the truth is that we have covered only a fraction of this tremendous country. Brazil is rich in natural resources. It covers almost half of South America. It is destined to have a more and more significant voice in the affairs of the world. Just now there are 55,000 Methodists among its people. But these Methodists are preparing themselves through education to have a more and more influential share in the nation's life and to reach more and more people in the name of our Lord.

The Rev. Kenneth Traxler (left), Florida missionary to Brazil is shown with Bishop and Mrs. Henley during their current tour of South America. In the background is the statue of Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro.

Uruguay is one of the small countries of South America. Montevideo is its capital and the only large city. More than half of the entire population of the country lives there. We were there three days. I think the most delightful experience during these three days was our visit to Santa Lucia where Miss Virginia Chapman is working the Methodist Center. This young lady makes one mighty proud of the Florida Conference. She comes from Sanford. For a time she worked in Cuba. When that field was closed to her, she came to Uruguay. The people have fallen in love with her, and that's easy to understand.

This is the second Florida lady we have found in our Methodist work thus far. Miss Glenda Cail, of Fort Pierce, is one of the much loved workers at the Institute in

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18 More Churches Complete Their Church Extension Pledges

Eighteen churches completed payment of their Conference Loan Fund-Branscomb Memorial Building pledges during the period between Aug. 22 to Oct. 22.

Their names are now added to the Honor Roll which appeared in the Nov. 1 issue of the **Florida Methodist.**

They are:

DeLand District:
Paisley
Gainesville:
O'Brien
Jacksonville:
Doctor's Inlet
Jacksonville, Trinity
Lakeland:
Blanton
Miami:
Miami Springs
Tavernier
Orlando:
Lockhart
Orlando, St. Paul
Orlando, Taft-Livingston
Orlando, Trinity
St. Cloud
St. Petersburg:
St. Petersburg, First
Tarpon Springs
Sarasota:
LaBelle
Tallahassee:
Chaires
Mayo
West Palm Beach:
Vero Beach, First

Lacour To Help Plan Evangelistic Emphasis

The Rev. Larry Lacour, Nashville, director of the department of spiritual life for the General Board of Evangelism, will assist Florida Conference leaders in planning for the conference-wide "New Life Meetings" to be held in February and March.

Mr. Lacour has been serving as the board's director of evangelists. He was named to his new post at a Nov. 12 meeting of the General Board of Evangelism.

He will meet with district superintendents, district secretaries of evangelism, and the executive committee of the Board of Evangelism at First Church, Ocala, Dec. 10-11.

The Rev. M. McCoy Gibbs, Leesburg, executive secretary of evangelism, said it is hoped that district leaders will hold similar meetings on a district level to emphasize the evangelistic thrust.

Bishop Reports on South American Tour

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Sao Paulo.

The Rev. Emilio Castro is pastor of First Methodist Church in Montevideo. He is a brilliant son of this small nation and is representing the cause of Christ in a wonderful fashion. Quite recently he has been invited to have a weekly television program on which he is to speak on the subject of religion. This is a new experience for Protestants in this country and everyone is thrilled over it.

I am writing this from Buenos Aires. Argentina has approximately 21 million inhabitants.

Leaders of Church Vocations Conference were Miss Eulalie Ginn, conference director of student work; the Rev. W. L. Joyner, chairman of the commission on Christian vocations; and the Rev. John Hunt, secretary-treasurer.

142 Attend Conference On Church Vocations

A total of 142 delegates, chiefly between the ages of 15 and 18, attended this year's Florida Conference on Church Vocations at the Leesburg Youth Camp.

An evaluation of the conference by the young people indicated that personal conferences with one of the 31 staff workers present ranked as one of its most important aspects.

Many of the young people indicated they also received new insight on the variety of church-related vocations, made sure of their vocational choice, drew strength from meeting with like-minded individuals, and received a spiritual recharge or greater self-understanding because of attendance at the conference.

The population of Buenos Aires is eight million. We have visited Methodism here in the heart of the city and we have seen Methodists at work in its slums. One of the most delightful aspects of our days here has been our association with Brother Lloyd Knox. He has found a place in the hearts of our people in this nation. We notice as we go about the city with him that he is known and unmistakably loved on every hand.

All the Sunday school literature for the Spanish-speaking nations of Latin America is published here in Buenos Aires. We visited The Methodist Publishing House. Those who are familiar with our Methodist workers in Cuba will remember Miss Joyce Hall. She is here in Buenos Aires now, still her genuine, happy, vivacious self. It was a pleasure to see her again. This afternoon we fly to Barriloche — in the heart of the Andes Mountains. From there, to Chile.

This is a wonderful experience, and I am deeply grateful to those laymen who felt that it would be a good thing for Mrs. Henley to make the trip with me. She is getting as much inspiration out of the ministry and dedication of our missionary people as I am. We are marveling at the courage and the prophetic dreams of Methodism throughout this country, and we shall come home refreshed with the knowledge that the cross of Jesus Christ is being held high by faithful Methodist hands in all sections of this great continent.

Needless to say, we are already looking forward to being back at home with you in Florida. The day after we return the district conferences will begin. I hope to be in every one of them and to see many of you at that time. May God bless you all.

Sincerely,
James W. Henley

INJURED IN ACCIDENT

The Rev. James S. Jones, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Eau Gallie, was injured Nov. 19 in an automobile accident as he and his wife were on the way to a "Builders of New Churches" banquet. Mr. Jones was admitted to the Melbourne hospital with two broken ribs. His wife was treated for minor injuries and released.

ARTIST'S SKETCH OF PROPOSED LAKEVIEW METHODIST CHURCH

EDUCATIONAL UNIT—

Lakeview Church Breaks Ground on First Unit

Lakeview Church, Miami, broke ground Oct. 28 on the first of three units for a $200,000 proposed worship and educational structure.

The unit consists of an "L" shaped educational wing costing $85,000. It will include 17 classrooms, a chapel, social hall, office and kitchen.

The Georgian colonial sanctuary will be the second unit to be constructed and another educational wing will come later.

The 450-member congregation is now meeting in the Lakeview Elementary School. The Rev. J. Barclay Jackson is pastor.

The church was formed two years ago by combining the congregations previously worshipping at the Central Boulevard and Floral Park churches.

A highlight of the groundbreaking was the turning of the first spade of dirt by Otto Liska, 82-year-old member of the church who sold the property to the congregation at one-third of its appraised value.

When the churches first combined, the congregation used both facilities for services pending their sale. When the old Central Boulevard property was sold in February, 1962, the services were transferred to Floral Park. They continued there until May, 1962, when this property was also sold.

Since then Sunday morning services have been held at the school and other meetings and services at an office-meeting room combination which the congregation is renting.

New Fellowship Hall To Halt Services Scattered Throughout Town of Venice

The Rev. Miles J. DePagter, pastor of Grace Church, Venice, knows the full meaning of being an "itinerant minister" just serving one charge.

The church's morning services are held in the Gulf Theater in the center of town. The Sunday school is held at the Kentucky Military Institute winter quarters in the city. The Wednesday night Bible study on the Book of Romans is held in the home of D. C. Gordon, close to the Gulf of Mexico. The 8 a.m. Monday morning men's prayer breakfast meets at the Kent Motel on the south edge of town.

The Methodist Men meet at the Venice-Nokomis Church, the choir meets at the First Baptist Church, the senior MYF meets at the Venice Bay Trailer Park recreation hall, and the junior MYF meets at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Isphording.

However, just at the edge of all of these activities is a $90,000 fellowship hall and 11 classrooms being erected. The contractor has assured the church that the building will be ready by Christmas.

The fellowship hall will seat 400 people. The church has borrowed $75,000 and will raise in cash the extra $15,000 by the time the building is completed.

Central Jurisdiction To Meet in Florida

The 1964 Central Jurisdiction Conference of The Methodist Church will be held at Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, on June 16-21.

The date of the conference was moved up from mid-July in order to enable the conference to consider realigning its annual conference boundaries so that no conference will overlap the church's regional jurisdictions.

The earlier date of the Central Jurisdiction meeting will enable the regional jurisdictions to consider transfers of annual conferences from the Central Jurisdiction to their own.

Crosscurents

(A Forum of Methodist Opinion)

Many Articles Condemn 'Anti-Communism'

Editor:

From time to time I have seen in Methodist magazines articles condemning "anti-communism." There has been a segment of the anti-communist work that hasn't been good, but I wonder if perhaps our church isn't doing more harm than good when it fights this in a manner that causes people to wash their hands of the entire struggle. Isn't this exactly what the communist would have us do? It isn't right not to condemn something we feel is evil, but it shouldn't be condemned in a manner that creates more evil than it destroys.

It isn't a very popular statement to make, but I am convinced that our church has been "used" many times by the communists. When our ministers supported the rioting of the students against the House Un-American Activities Committee in May, 1960, I feel very strongly that we supported the communists. J. Edgar Hoover thought so, too. When we admitted the so-called "Russian ministers" into the World Council of Churches in the interest of "communication," I feel we were again used. If we converted them all and sent them back to Russia, we would have only caused their death or banishment into Siberia. Meanwhile, they can exert their influence upon some wonderful Christians who are gullible to the influence that the Russians use so effectively.

Many of our people, both laity and ministers, support the seating of Red China into the UN. I do not believe anyone can understand communism very well and believe this. And I realize that this statement leaves me wide open to those who would like to intellectually castignate me. They have a perfect right to their opinion. I have heard more than one of our ministers severely criticize the thought of building a fall-out shelter for the protection of our families and lives.

More Than Preaching Needed

Let's be honest with ourselves, we need to fight communism and this can be done in a Christian manner. We are an ordinary church in an extraordinary world; we need to become extraordinary. Now I realize that we can answer that each time a minister steps into a pulpit he is fighting communism. This is true. It is also very deceptive in that if this is as far as we are going with it, then we surely will fail.

Christianity can save the world if we enlarge upon its activities sufficiently to give it the opportunity it deserves. We cannot do this by fighting those who fight communism because they use unscrupulous methods, and then fail to project a righteous plan of our own. There are some 43,000 Methodist churches in the world. Possibly the greatest asset to Christianity in the world today are the missionaries around the world. It requires some 30 of our churches to send one of these into service where they are needed.

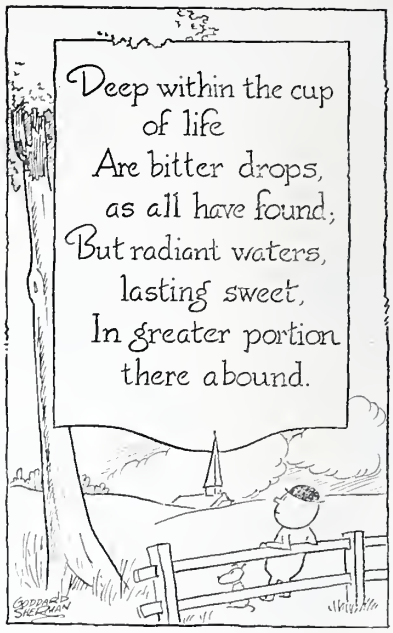
Most people have come to realize that these are not ordinary times in which we live. I believe a feeling has developed among our people that they want to do what they can to retain decency in their lives, and many realize that in order to accomplish this we must help the underprivileged, in a well-planned program, to help themselves. Maybe we can't do it, but I had rather see us fail trying than to fail not trying.

T. H. Slade
Starke

And Now, What Do You Think About It?

"Crosscurrents" invites your comment on the opinions expressed above and on any other topic of interest and concern to Florida Methodists. Letters should be 300 words or less, and the Florida Methodist reserves the right to reject any letter or shorten it to meet space requirements. Letters must bear the writer's name and address, but the name will be withheld from publication upon request.—Editor.

The Sunny Soul



Proposal to Merge With EUB Acclaimed

Bishop Marshall R. Reed of the Detroit Area, president of the Council of Bishops, expressed high regard for the Evangelical United Brethren Church as a fraternal delegate at the denomination's General Conference.

Referring to preliminary conversations that might lead to union between the Evangelical United Brethren and The Methodist Churches, Bishop Reed said:

"Our regard for your denomination has been so high, our relationships with your ministers so pleasant, and the similarity of our religious beliefs and general policy is such that I have not heard even the suggestion of a negative reaction to this proposal. If after adequate consideration and official action it should be brought to consummation we are confident it would be another example of Christian brotherhood.

EUB's Take 1st Step

The Evangelical United Brethren Church's quadrennial General Conference has voted, 310-94, to authorize the preparation of a plan of union with The Methodist Church.

The resolution urged members and leaders of the two denominations to "become better acquainted" and to "learn to work together for Christ and the church."

Any merger plan will have to be approved by the General Conferences of both denominations.

AT ALACHUA—

'Oldest Church Has 140th Birthday

Alachua Church celebrated its "140th Birthday" on Nov. 11 with a Homecoming service, laying claim to the title as "The Oldest Methodist Church in Florida."

A new history of the church, written by the Rev. Allan Stuart, its present pastor, was part of the service.

The Alachua Church traces its history back to the start of the Newnansville Church in a nearby community, which was eventually by-passed by the railroad and abandoned.

Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., president of Florida Southern College and an authority on Methodist history in Florida, was the Homecoming Day speaker at the church.

Other features of the day were "Keepsake Memorial Plates," containing the drawing of the two churches appearing on this issue's cover, sold by the Woman's Society of Christian Service; a "memory board" with pictures of people and events of the distant past on one side and photographs of last year's Homecoming on the other; and a special tribute for James A. Williams — the only living "charter member" of the church when it was relocated in Alachua in 1897.

According to the history prepared by Mr. Stuart, Methodism came to Florida through the efforts of Georgia missionaries on the old Alapaha Circuit.

The missionaries held services in an old log church situated on an Indian trail known as "Ray's Trail," later a branch of the Old Bellamy Road which ran from Dell (later known as Newnansville) through Alligator (now Lake City) and east to Cow Ford (now Jacksonville).

The date for the organization of the Dell Church was 1822. In 1828 Maxey Dell built a meeting house, and the same year the town became Newnansville. The church in Newnansville continued to grow during the period of the Indian wars, and in 1856 a new church was constructed that was the pride of the territory. (This building is pictured on the cover.)

The railroad then led to the extinction of the town by passing one-and-a-half miles to the south of it. A station was built, first known as Newnansville, but was soon changed to Alachua. The church soon followed the migrating population, and in 1897 was relocated in Alachua.

The first building in Alachua was built in 1897, but it burned in 1910. The present building was constructed in 1912 and the adjoining educational building in 1954.

STUDENTS, STAFF MEMBERS—

Several Floridians at Scarritt

Standing under one of the famous archways at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, are students and staff members from Florida Methodism on campus this fall.

They are, left to right, Miss Jean Cleveland, formerly of Ft. Meade, now professor of social group work; Carol Kelley, First Church, New Smyrna; Hildegarde Hein, Bill Tatum, and Marcia Brady, Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg; Madeline Anne Hill, Riverside Park Church, Jacksonville; and Mrs. George Warren, secretary to the president.

Mrs. Warren is the wife of the late Rev. George Warren, pastor at Brandon last year when he was killed in an auto-train collision.

Methodism's national training center for lay workers in the church, Scarritt has been strongly supported through the years by the Florida Conference. Bishop James W. Henley is a member of the board of trustees, and another Floridian, the Rev. K. Henry Koestline, is director of public relations.

The archway, one of six on the campus, has carved in stone a quotation from the famous pioneer missionary William Cary,

"Attempt Great Things for God." The other side of the archway has the rest of the quotation, "Expect Great Things From God."

Miss Cleveland's father and brother own and operate the newspaper at Ft. Meade where they are active in the Methodist Church. Mr. Tatum is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Hoyt Tatum of the St. Petersburg district.

Cokesbury To Distribute Family Heritage Film

"Worship, a Family's Heritage" is a new 30-minute color film which will help families understand how family experiences of worship undergird and enrich life.

The film, produced by the General Board of Education, was premiered at Fourth National Conference on Family Life in Chicago Oct. 19-21. It is now available for use in local churches through rental from Cokesbury.

Strong Support Given North Carolina Colleges

The North Carolina Annual Conference, at a special session Sept. 12, voted to raise $3,000,000 to help develop two new Methodist colleges and strengthen other educational institutions supported by the conference.

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News From The Churches

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE

Forty-eight members of Clearview Church participated in a 12-hour prayer vigil for peace at the altar of the church during the Cuban crisis. Other members joined them in the sanctuary. The Rev. Clarence Whitney, pastor, and the Rev. Clarence M. Balch, associate pastor, conducted periods of directed prayer at various times during the vigil.

'SPECIAL NEEDS' EMPHASIZED

Four sound films and five guest resource persons were used by Allendale Church, St. Petersburg, in presenting the churchwide mission study "Persons of Special Needs" on the four Sunday nights during November.

Films used at the special worship service in the sanctuary were "Moment to Act," "Salute to Courage," "Talking Hands," and "Measure of Success." Resource persons for study group sessions earlier in the evening included the Rev. Robert Adair, executive director of Goodwill Industries-Suncoast; Jim Adair, also of Goodwill; Bill Young, director of rehabilitation for the Florida Council of the Blind; Glen Gold, director of Biscayne Methodist Home in Miami; and Mrs. Joseph Tracey of the Florence Crittendon Home for unwed mothers.

SUBSCRIPTIONS DONATED

A "concerned and dedicated" member of First Church, Ft. Meade, has made subscriptions of **Together,** monthly magazine for Methodist families, available free to each of the congregation's 68 active member families.

'GIVE THEM FLOWERS NOW'

Appreciation certificates signed by the Rev. R. C. Joyner were given to members and friends of Trinity Church, Lakeland, at a recent "Appreciation Sunday" service at which the pastor's sermon was entitled "Give Them Flowers Now." Members of the youth department pinned boutonnieres on each person entering the church.

BACKGROUND FOR COMMITMENT DAY

Four special Sunday night programs on the problem of beverage alcohol were presented to youth of Lakeview Church, Miami, during November — leading up to Commitment Sunday. Speakers included Dr. Thomas Strozier, M.D., who discussed its medical aspects; Jefferson Duffey, welfare case worker, who talked on the incidence of alcohol in public dependency; two speakers from Alcoholics Anonymous, who discussed the tragedy of the compulsory drinker; and the Rev. James Rowan, pastor of Fulford Church, who spoke of the need for strong Christian convictions in meeting this problem.

ON DISPLAY IN NEW YORK

A captioned photograph of the Crystal River Church is part of the Citrus County Showcase now on display in Rockefeller Center, New York City. The church is one of three built in the county during the last six months. Pictures of other churches in the county will be used during the month-long exhibit.

NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR

The Rev. Alonzo R. Davis has been appointed by Bishop Henley to serve as associate pastor of First Church, St. Petersburg, assisting the Rev. M. C. Cleveland in visitation and the general program of the church. He comes from Thomasville Church in the Western North Carolina Conference.

. . . At Homecoming

EVERY PASTOR REPRESENTED

Each of the five pastors who have played a part in the 12-year history of St. Johns Church, Tampa, was represented at this year's Homecoming. This feat was considered highly unlikely in the planning of the observance since one of the pastors, the Rev. J. Lloyd Knox (1954-58), is now in Argentina. His wife, Edith, made a surprise return to Florida with the two children, however, because of illness of her mother; and she was able to attend. Others ministers (pictured, left to right) were: The Rev. O'Neal Jacobs, who organized the church as an associate minister of Seminole Heights Church in 1950 and served as its first pastor from 1951-54; the Rev. R. E. Rutland, Sr., minister of Seminole Heights when it sponsored the young church; the Rev. Benjamin Blackburn, pastor during 1958-61; and the Rev. W. A. Fisackerly III, who has served as pastor since 1961.

NEW MINISTER OF VISITATION

The Rev. J. H. Lotspeich, retired member of the Holston Conference, is assisting the Rev. Austin G. McCoig as minister of visitation at First Church, Dunedin.

Groundbreaking Held At South Miami

Groundbreaking services were held Nov. 25 for the new sanctuary to be built by First Church, South Miami. The Rev. Ralph B. Huston, pastor, led the congregation to the site of the $285,000 building where all participated in the groundbreaking.

The new sanctuary is a modified Mediterranean design matching existing buildings and connected to them with cloisters and a landmark tower. The roof will be clay barrel tile.

Stobs Brothers, contractors, will begin work immediately, and construction is to be completed in May. William H. Merriam and Son, Architect, will supervise the construction. The existing Sunday school building will also be air-conditioned under the contract.

South Miami Church was organized in 1914 as the Larkins Methodist Church when South Miami was Larkins, Fla. In 1949 the church was relocated to its present site near the University of Miami campus. At that time membership was 430. The present membership is 1,700.

A building committee under the direction of Edward G. Harris has been developing the building plans for several years Warren Smyth was chairman of the fund-raising campaign conducted in 1961.

Worldwide Bible Reading Emphasized

Christians in America are being urged to join with Christians in 50 other countries in the 29th annual program of Worldwide Bible Reading, sponsored by the American Bible Society.

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The readings also appear at the bottom of each page of **The Upper Room,** daily devotional guide.

PROTESTANT CENTER AT WORLD'S FAIR
. . . Planned for New York in 1964-65

IN NEW YORK CITY—

Protestant Center Planned for World's Fair

Plans for a united Protestant Center at the 1964-65 New York World's Fair were released recently by The Protestant Council of the City of New York.

The striking architectual design features an 80-foot tower that will serve as a landmark for visitors to the fair grounds. The tower is topped by an illuminated cross suspended within a stylized impression of the world to carry out the theme of the center—"Jesus Christ the Light of the World."

The cross shines down upon a Court of Protestant Pioneers formed by 34 columns, each one to be dedicated to a Protestant pioneer.

In addition the center will feature an exhibit pavilion for displays of major denominations, a reception center supplying information about metropolitan New York churches, a chapel, a children's center, a music garden, and a theater for showing a new religious motion picture to be premiered in the center.

Methodists Sponsor UN Seminar in Tampa

A Methodist-sponsored United Nations Seminar will be held at Palma Ceia Church, Tampa, on Dec. 3-4 as a means of developing better understanding of the U.N. and its accomplishments.

The seminar sessions are limited to a selected group of 100 persons, but an open meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday night. Mrs. Grace Holmes Barbey a staff member of the U.N. Secretariat, will deliver an address at this meeting.

Following the address will be a panel discussion with the following participants: Mrs. Barbey; Mrs. Clifford A. Bender Methodist observer at the U.N for the Woman's Division of Christian Service; Mrs. Christina Onosanya, social welfare officer from Nigeria; Miss Suma Kaisi teacher from Tanganyika; Mrs Lydia Zimonte, teacher from Southern Rhodesia; the Rev. Leslie Hayman, New Zealand; and the Rev. George Hill, minister of world affairs at Palma Ceia.

The seminar is sponsored jointly by the Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Board of Christian Social Concerns.

There are 20 such seminars being held in the U.S. The Tampa seminar will be the only one held in Florida. A joint planning committee of 15 persons was headed by Mr. Hill and Mrs. Raymond S. White, past president of the Tampa District WSCS and a member of the Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Men's Residence Hall

Scarritt College will build a new residence hall for men in the near future, announces Dr. D. D. Holt, president.

Construction will begin in the next few weeks and occupancy is expected by the beginning of the 1963-64 school year. The new hall will have a capacity of 50 and will cost approximately $250,000.

Springhead Church - 'Springboard' for Young Ministers

By A. H. FRENCH

(Mr. French is district reporter for the Lakeland District, but as a former newspaperman he did not let a good story from the Tampa District escape his attention. After reading of the graduation of the Rev. V. E. Queen, pastor of Springhead Church, from Florida Southern College, he noted that the church has served as a virtual "springboard" for many young men entering the ministry.)

Springhead Church, near Plant City, has been the first pastorate for a large number of Florida Conference ministers — many of whom were students at Florida Southern College at the time.

It has also produced more than its share of young men who have chosen the ministry as a career.

Glancing over the history of the church during the 22 years of its formal organization, we find the following names of Springhead pastors who have moved on to larger pastorates in the Florida Conference:

The Rev. Owen C. Driskell, Palm Harbor; the Rev. Fred E. Stinson, Kendall, Miami; the Rev. Pat McBride, Skycrest, Clearwater; the Rev. W. Harold Miller, Trinity, Bradenton; the Rev. R. C. Joyner, Trinity, Lakeland; the Rev. James Smith, Mulberry; and the Rev. DeWitt Farabee, now doing graduate work at Yale University after serving several Florida pastorates.

Others who have served the church include the Rev. B. L. Ernest, now serving Riverview Baptist Church; the Rev. Comer Brownlee, member of the North Georgia Conference; the Rev. W. A. Ellingwood, South Georgia Conference; the Rev. A. J. Brown, present location not known; T. R. Adams, D. W. Cox and D. Lee Jones, deceased.

Others may have served the Springhead Church for brief periods while students at Florida Southern.

Several young men grew up in the church and entered the ministry during the period when it had only about 100 members. These include Mr. Joyner, who was one of the founders of the church and later served it as pastor in 1954; the Rev. Odell Miley, Azalea Park, Orlando; the Rev. Robert Bledsoe, Haines City; the Rev. L. J. Green, Cork, and the Rev. Vernon Jones, who is now a pastor in the Church of the Nazarene.

Springhead Church

Three other Florida Conference ministers were incluenced by the Springhead Church to enter the ministry, although they did not belong to it at the time. They were the Rev. Herbert Bowdoin, Wesley Memorial, Jacksonville; the Rev. Jiles Kirkland, Manhattan Avenue, Tampa; and Mr. Miller, who served the church as a student in 1950.

Springhead is a relatively small farming community midway between Plant City and Mulberry. Many of its residents are employed in nearby phosphate operations. It was originally in the Lakeland District, but later when boundaries were changed it became part of the Tampa District.

For a time the founders of the church met in private homes with the Rev. R. T. Caldwell, then pastor at Mulberry, coming to preach on Sunday afternoons. Eventually enough money was raised to buy a one-acre lot and some building materials, but funds were still insufficient to construct the church.

Some of the members were becoming a bit discouraged, but Mr. Joyner—then a farmer—climbed into his truck one day and headed for Plant City to see a business friend. He returned with a check for $100, the church history relates, and asked: "Now, can the church go on?"

Five Make Mountain Climb As 'Trial Run' in Hiking Program

Five Florida Methodists left the state's mild late-October climate for a frosty climb through the Smoky Mountains on a "trial run" of what may eventually become a popular hike for Florida Conference older youth.

Making the trip were the Rev. David Groves, pastor of Garden City Church, who served as leader; Dr. Margaret Gilbert, Florida Southern College, naturalist; the Rev. Donald Jones, associate pastor at Jacksonville Beach Church; Miss Edith Goodwin, associate youth director; and the Rev. William Fisackerly, St. John's Church, Tampa.

The group hiked for 31 miles from Newfound Gap to Davenport Gap in North Carolina, covering in three-and-one-half days what is considered a five-day hike.

Miss Goodwin said the five will serve as instructors for adult youth workers, and possibly some older youth, who will undertake the hike next summer.

Purpose of such expeditions is to develop the close personal relationship of a small Christian community. Mr. Fisackerly noted that this close Christian community living was first demonstrated by Jesus and His disciples as they traveled together from village to village.

"It was in this close dependent relationship that Jesus demonstrated by physical example the practical meaning of God's love . . . Here we see how sharing loads, helping a weaker person, and cooperating in hard tasks compels a person to make immediate decisions in a Christian environment," he explained.

ON FURLOUGH—

Christensens Returning From Missionary Assignment

The Rev. Gordon Christensen and his wife, Marium, and their two children will soon be returning to Florida on furlough from their missionary work on Okinawa.

The Methodist Church is working together with the Disciples of Christ and the United Church of Christ USA as the United Church of Okinawa — an autonomous body of 2,000 Christians in Okinawa and the Ryukyu Islands.

Christensen

In recent months the work at Okinawa, which has traditionally suffered from lack of publicity and funds, has received new emphasis in the "Church On The Rim of East Asia" mission study by the National Council of Churches.

As chairman of publicity, Mr. Christensen had many articles to write, pictures to take, and other chores — such as gathering indigenous music and local sermons.

(An example of the work that Mr. Christensen has done in writing for the Board of Missions appears on this page.)

While a cameraman was on the island shooting footage for a United Church of Canada film entitled "On the Rim of Tomorrow," Mr. Christensen urged him to make a full-length movie on the United Church of Okinawa. Later, after finishing his assignment, the cameraman agreed to return to Okinawa to make the movie.

The story centers around a one-legged woman pastor who works in the sugar cane fields with her congregation as a means of supplying funds for their church. Also included are student activities, agricultural work and a birthday party of a 97-year-old grandmother in Okinawan style.

After receiving support from the denominational audio-visual departments, the film is ready for release. It is a 20-minute, color, 16mm movie under the title "Harvest in Okinawa."

Mr. Christensen's latest assignment has been serving a small church in the town of Yonabaru, where a Japanese sect called "The Spirit of Jesus" was trying to infiltrate and steal its membership from the United Church.

In preparation for their return, Mr. Christensen has been learning songs on the three-string Okinawan samisen in both the local dialect and English, while Marium is learning native dances. They note that few people in the world have ever heard Okinawan music.

Eye-Catching Church Greets Visitors on Okinawa

By GORDON CHRISTENSEN

Drivers in Koza City, the second largest city of Okinawa, will often see an eye-catching roof that combines Oriental taste and beauty with a Western feeling of strength and power. At first sight, they may wonder what it is — a Buddhist temple, a Shinto shrine? No, the cross will tell them that it is a Christian church. It is the new sanctuary of Jochi church of the United Church of Christ in Okinawa (Methodist-related).

The word "Jochi" means "high ground." Born in the village of Shimabuku in Koza City, Jochi church up to now had been meeting in a small quonset hut just off the main street of Koza. Now with the completion of its new sanctuary, it will return to its own birthplace which is, appropriately, on high ground.

The dedication service was held last fall. A young Marine lieutenant, DeWayne Anderson, designed the new sanctuary. Unfortunately, he had to return to the U.S. before the dedication ceremony.

The pastor of the church is the Rev. Osamu Taira, a graduate of Tokyo Union Theological Seminary. He also serves as chairman of the Christian Education Department of the United Church and is an instructor at the Okinawa Christian Institute, a two-year college of the United Church.

One of the most interesting members of the Jochi church is 80-year-old Shosei Kina, who was featured in an article in the **Readers Digest** of November, 1960.

The article tells how Mr. Kina helped form a men's Bible class that met in the village hall. From this class, the village took Christian principles and teachings and applied them to the life of the community.

When American soldiers came to Shimabuku at the end of World War II, they were surprised at the warm welcome they received from the people who regarded them, though they came as foreign invaders, as Christian brothers. It was Mr. Kina who led his villagers in this gesture of welcome to the American soldiers.

Goodwill-Suncoast Sees $105,000 Come In, Go Out in One Night

Goodwill Industries - Suncoast "received" and "spent" $105,000, all in one night.

At its advisory board-directors annual dinner meeting recently Goodwill signed papers whereby it received $105,000 from the U.S. government for its downtown St. Petersburg property which is now to be a site of a Veterans Administration building.

At the same time the hire-the-handicapped organization also signed a contract for a 22,000-square-foot addition to its new plant on Gandy Boulevard in St. Petersburg, which will cost $105,000.

Ground has been broken on the addition, which will provide added warehouse space. This spring Goodwill plans to break ground for another addition.

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Pointing to the millions of persons around the globe who are hungry, without clothes or medical care, or who have never heard the story of the Saviour's birth, the commission suggested in a letter:

"Instead of giving gifts to one another, we are suggesting that only a token gift be given, and that the loved one be honored through a gift of money for a worthy cause to help our needy brethren around the world.

"Children, of course, should be remembered always at Christmas, but we who are adults should find more happiness in giving to others than in receiving for ourselves. We believe this is one way we can really keep Christ in Christmas."

In an accompanying booklet, suggested gifts run from $100 to $1.

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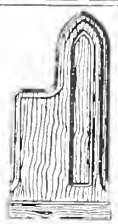

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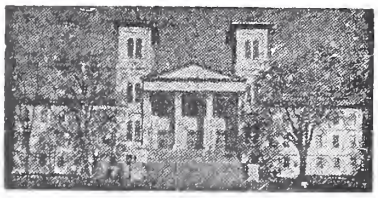

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FSC Students Express Thanks for Auditorium

The Student Government Association of Florida Southern College has written Bishop Henley, expressing the gratitude of the students to the Florida Conference for planning to erect the Branscomb Memorial Auditorium on the campus.

"We realize the care and sacrifice which this splendid addition to the college represents," the letter stated. "We also rejoice in this gift as showing the confidence of the church in the kind of education which the college strives to provide. We thank you for this confidence perhaps even more than for the building itself.

"We know that this building is but a dramatic expression of the continued interest of Florida Methodists in the college and its objectives. Let us thank you for all you are doing, and, through you, the many faithful friends of Florida Southern whom you are leading."

Me And My Bible

By MRS. ED FERRELL

John caught three little frogs. He put them in the trash can on the porch along with some marbles. During the night I could hear the little frogs jumping around among the marbles. They had a busy night. The next morning I looked into the can; they had gotten nowhere fast. Just like a lot of people, I thought.

Where are our ceaseless rounds of activities taking us? Do they contribute to the happiness of our families? To the welfare of our communities? Do our busy lives keep us on the right road? In harmony with God and others?

The psalmist says: "Make me go in the path of Thy commandments; for therein do I delight. Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken Thou me in Thy way. I will walk at liberty for I seek Thy precepts. I will delight myself in Thy commandments, which I have loved." Portions of Psalm 119.

Let's keep our path girded to the Lord's way. Let's gauge our time and our doings. As we study His precepts and rejoice in them, they will add purpose to our living. They will help us to live as "joint-heirs" with Christ; sons of God; to live as Christians and not as little frogs jumping around among the marbles.

World-wide Publication Has Editorial on Cuba

An editorial on the Methodist Church's work in Cuba by Bishop Henley is carried in the November issue of **World Parish**, publication of the World Methodist Council.

The editorial tells of the work and the sacrifices of the Cuban Methodists and concludes:

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VICTOR RANKIN ASSERTS:

Witnessing Must Be Everybody's Task, Not Just Ministers' and Missionaries'

Being God's witnesses is the asic task of all Christians, not ust that of ministers and mis-ionaries, the Rev. Victor L. ankin stressed in two Lakeland ddresses Nov. 6-7.

He spoke at a dinner meeting f Methodist Men of First Church nd next day at Florida Southern College's weekly chapel period.

Rankin

A missionary in Cuba from 1951 to 1960, he is now serving as an associate pastor of First Church, Orlando, preparatory to leaving early in January on his new assignment in Argentina.

Despite a long radition of Roman Catholicism, nly 20 per cent of the Latin merican population is considered really Christian, Rankin said. Of this number, 15 per cent are Catholic and 5 per cent Protestant.

He pointed out that Argentina is one of the critical "Lands of Decision" in which the Methodist Church is concentrating its missionary efforts.

The Roman Catholic Church, he said, has sounded a call for 20,000 priests to serve in Latin America in recognition of the fact that Christianity has a long way to go in converting these neighboring countries.

In his appointment to Argentina by the Board of Missions, Mr. Rankin will also serve as pastor of the First Methodist Church of Buenos Aires — the oldest Protestant church in South America.

Deaths

Dr. Henry Burton Trimble

Dr. Henry Burton Trimble, 76, dean emeritus of Emory University's Candler School of Theology, died Nov. 13 at his home. He was dean of the seminary for 16 years before his retirement in 1953. During his tenure he saw it grow from 75 to more than 400 students, producing more Methodist ministers than any seminary in the world.

Mr. Alexander C. Bailey

Mr. Alexander Carter Bailey 79, known affectionately to thousands of Florida youth and adult leaders as "Pa Bailey," died at his home in Dunedin on Nov 12. He served seven years as custodian at the Florida Youth Camp. He and Mrs. Bailey were the first employes of the camp and they played a significant part in getting the conference camp started. He was a member of First Church, Dunedin. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mattie Bailey, Dunedin; two daughters, Mrs. Frances Morgan, Tallahassee, and Mrs. Martha Martin, Rock Hill, S. C., four grandchildren, a brother and five sisters.

Springfield Prepares Planning Material

Congregations throughout the U.S. will receive material prepared to aid them observe Student Recognition Day, Dec. 30, which was prepared by the Rev. Thaxton Springfield, director of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Florida.

The material contains suggestions for local planning committees and an order of worship. It is available from executive secretaries of board of education in each annual conference.

TO SHARE WINTER HOME

The Rev. Walt Holcomb, the "one-day" revivalist, has postponed his One Day Preaching Mission in Mexico City until next spring and will make his winter headquarters in Sebring while holding weekend preaching missions.

He seeks a preacher, retired preacher or layman and wife to share running expenses of his winter home. His present address is 362 Hillside Dr. N.W., Atlanta 5 Ga.

CALENDAR

Dec. 2—Commitment Sunday.

Dec. 3—Sarasota District Conference, at Trinity Church, Bradenton, 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 4—West Palm Beach District Conference, Riviera Beach Church 9:00 a.m.

Dec. 4—Miami District Conference, No. Hialeah Church, 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 7-9—United Christian Youth Movement Conference, Christian Conference Center, Silver Springs.

Dec. 9—Universal Bible Sunday.

Dec. 10-11—Conference Board of Evangelism, First Church, Ocala (2 p.m. Monday until noon Tuesday).

Dec. 10-11—Board of Directors of United Christian Action, First Baptist Church, Lakeland. (4 p.m. until noon Tuesday).

Dec. 16—Christmas Offering for Florida Methodist Children's Home.

Dec. 23—World Service Sunday in the Church School.

Dec. 30—Florida Methodist Children's Home Sunday.

Dec. 30—Student Recognition Day.

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The Bishop Calls—

Dear Readers of the Florida Methodist:

By the time this reaches you I will have completed the visitation of the district conferences and you will be busy about your preparations for the observance of Christmas. However, I do want to make a brief report of our visit in Chile and Peru. We entered Chile through the lake district high up in the Andes. For two days we traveled by boat across the most beautiful lakes imaginable. All the while we were surrounded by snow-capped mountains. We arrived in Chile at Puerto Montt where the Rev. Vincent James serves three Methodist churches. They are about to begin the construction of a new sanctuary in Puerto Montt to replace the one destroyed by the earthquake. This was made possible by the special offering for Chile taken by American Methodists.

Our next stop was Temuco. This is a very lovely city. The population of the country around Temuco has a very high percentage of Indians. Our church not only carries on worship services for them, but there is a clinic and four primary schools operated by the Methodists.

We enjoyed our visit to El Vergel (Paradise). The Methodist Church purchased this 3,000 acres of land 40 years ago and has developed on it a model farm with crops of timber, vegetables, cattle and flowers which have been cultivated and improved for the benefit of the people. In connection with the farm, Christian missionaries carry on three schools, a church, and Christian social service in the surrounding community.

Santiago ,Chile, is a beautiful city. Bishop Zottele was pastor of the First Methodist Church there until his election last March. He still resides in Santiago. I wish there were time to tell about Santiago College, Sweet Institute, and other projects of the church. A team of the U.S. Peace Corps is at work among the needy of Santiago. We heard nothing but praise for them.

It was worth the trip to Lima, Peru, to see the Richard Petrys and the Flecher Andersons. Brother Petry is pastor of the La Victoria and the Charrillio churches. He has plans for another new church in the very near future. We went with the Fletcher Andersons to visit their work at Chincha. This small city is located approximately 120 miles from Lima and the country separating them is as dry and desolate as desert land anywhere in the world. Fletcher's church is one of those which was rebuilt after the earthquake. It is very pretty and I am sure the people are most grateful for so lovely a house of worship. He took us to the Methodist Youth Camp on the Pacific Beach near Chincha. This is a relatively new project and much equipment is still needed. However, it is providing a valuable service for the youth of The Methodist Churches throughout the conference. Fletcher, too, is organizing a new church.

While in Lima I preached at the First Methodist Church and at La Victoria. The Rev. and Mrs. Elton Watlington were our official hosts. From Lima we flew to Miami — then on to St. Petersburg for the first service in the new Lakewood Church and dedication of Trinity Church. Next day the district conference began.

Mrs. Henley and I will always be grateful for the experiences of this visitation. We met many wonderful people — missionaries and national Christian leaders of the countries we visited. But it is wonderful to be back home, and especially thrilling to hear the reports of Florida Methodism.

Sincerely,
JAMES W. HENLEY

NEEDED IN ALGERIA—

Methodists Respond Promptly to Appeal for Blankets

Thousands of Algerians—men, women and children—will freeze to death in the cold, mountainous regions surrounding Constantine and Batna in Algeria unless 650,000 blankets are rushed to them immediately.

Upon hearing this appeal, Methodists acted promptly. Half of the first airlift cargo of 10,000 blankets to reach Algeria was supplied by The Methodist Church through an emergency fund of $25,000.

Methodists also agreed to supply 50,000 of the 650,000 blankets sought by Church World Service, relief agency of major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox faiths belonging to the National Council of Churches.

Thousands of Algerians are homeless after seven years of bitter warfare, or at best have only primitive shelter from the severe cold in the mountains. Near-starvation makes these Algerians even more vulnerable to the cold, and an estimated 1.3 million face possible death by freezing.

The nationwide emergency blanket appeal has been endorsed by the Methodist Council of Bishops. Blankets may be sent to the Church World Service Center at 637 West 125 Street, New York 27, New York.

The League of Red Cross Societies and Catholic relief groups are aiding Algerian civil war victims in other areas of the new nation.

In addition to the blankets, Church World Service has rushed 11 million pounds of food to Algeria and has set in motion a collection drive to secure 1,300 tons of clothing for needy Algerians.

Union Methodist Church, Dunedin, responded generously to the appeal for blankets for Algeria. Seven crates of blankets and warm clothing were sent Dec. 3 to the Church World Service Center. Getting the shipment ready are Mrs. Jay Upton, Mrs. Lowell Waldron and Mrs. Dayton Snyder. The drive was coordinated by Mrs. Ruth Yarrington, chairman of the commission on missions, and the Rev. Grant Hinshaw, pastor.

New Policy Statements Sought on Social Issues

The Division of Temperance and General Welfare of the Board of Christian Social Concerns spent most of its recent Washington, D C. meeting developing "policy statements" on mental health, medical care, crime and rehabilitation, pornography, and social welfare.

Although the proposals are the result of extensive research by seminars and individuals, the division is seeking reaction from Methodists before the papers go next January to the board for possible recommendation to the 1964 General Conference. Only the latter body can act to take official "positions" for The Methodist Church.

Aldersgate Year Services To Begin As 1963 Arrives

The Methodist Church's observance of 1963 as Aldersgate Year will get under way the very minute the new year begins.

It is planned that New Year's Eve watch night services will be held in many churches so that as the clock strikes midnight Methodists will be at worship, and then prayer vigils are planned around the clock on New Year's Day.

Aldersgate Year will be a time of special emphasis on Christian experience and evangelism by The Methodist Church. It was so named to commemorate the heart-warming experience of John Wesley, founder of Methodism. This turning point in Wesley's life took place in a meeting on Aldersgate Street in London, May 24, 1738.

Aldersgate Year is scheduled 225 years after the year of Wesley's experience.

The purpose of Aldersgate Year is announced as follows: "To call Methodists under the guidance of the Holy Spirit . . . to seek new life in Christ and the Church . . . to witness out of a heart-warming experience that Jesus Christ is Lord."

Prayer for the Christmas Season

(Editor's Note—We took the liberty of deleting the last paragraph of Bishop Henley's letter to the **Florida Methodist** so that we might give it this special emphasis.)

Our prayer is that this Christmas season will bring a new awareness of the actual presence of Christ to the hearts of all our people. Blessings on you — ministers and laymen alike. God has given us resources and opportunities to serve in one of those momentous periods in history when the world is being remolded for a thousand years to come. Lord grant that we may be faithful.

—Bishop Henley

Former Treasurer Becomes an Author

(Editor's Note—A former conference treasurer, the Rev. Charles H. Voss, is a poet of recognized talent. Now his predecessor, Miss Coral Fields, has become an author — and the inspiration for her book is the life of the treasurer who preceded her, her sister — Miss Ethel Fields.)

ON TO KNOW. By Coral Kathleen Fields. House of Falmouth, Inc., Portland, Maine. $2.50.

By HENRY W. BLACKBURN

As a former pastor of both the writer and her sister, and as a friend of the family for nearly 40 years, I can say that **On To Know** is an accurate, objective, and inspiring story of a modern saint whom present-day Christians need to know and emulate.

The book will be read with joy and enrichment by hundreds of Florida Methodists because they know and loves the Misses Fields as successive treasurers of the Florida Annual Conference; and, I trust, by other followers of Jesus Christ who are still questing for knowledge of our Lord, and will find in this book encouragement and impetus to "follow on to know!"

Parents will find help in their difficult task of preserving a godly home in the chapter describing home in Alabama. Youth will be pleased to discover the enthusiasm and joy of one who always had a "good" good time. Laymen will be proud to see one of their own number rise to spiritual heights while sharing the toils and temptations of the work-a-day world. Ministers will be humbled by learning of the time preserved for prayer, great books and effective service in Ethel Fields' busy life.

In **On To Know** one finds listed the passages of scripture that helped to produce such sterling character and the quality of faith that was not afraid to press on to know newly discovered truth. One also sees a Christian facing death from cancer with her sense of humor unimpaired, her awareness of the divine presence undimmed, and her "at-homeness" in two worlds achieved.

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Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves, or we know where we can find information upon it.

—SAMUEL JOHNSON

Howard M. Tompkins (left) presents a FHA mortgage insurance commitment for $5.2 million to Edd W. Gentry, president of Jacksonville Methodist Home, Inc. Others pictured are the Rev. J. M. McLeod, Jacksonville District superintendent; Bishop Henley; and the Rev. W. Thomas Ryan Jr., executive director of the project.

Construction To Begin Soon on 'Wesley Manor', Retirement Community in Jacksonville District

Four years of planning and work in the Jacksonville District were climaxed Nov. 28 when a mortgage insurance commitment for $5.2 million to build a Methodist retirement home was turned over to the sponsors by the Federal Housing Administration.

Howard M. Tompkins, director of the Jacksonville FHA office, made the presentation at the Jacksonville District Conference.

The Rev. W. Thomas Ryan, Jr., executive director of the project, said the nonsectarian community — to be known as Wesley Manor — will be located on Julington Creek and State Road 13 in St. Johns County.

The community's 11 apartment buildings will accommodate 296 persons. Other units will include quarters for central dining, arts and crafts, recreation, library, auditorium, chapel, administration, and medical treatment.

"Wesley Manor will be operated on a sound, economic basis, with most of the residents paying the cost of all services received," Mr. Ryan said. "Benevolent work by the sponsoring group is planned, but this will have to be at a minimum at first, since The Methodist Church is not investing funds in the project."

He said benevolent work will depend upon the receipt of legacies and bequests in the future. A flexible "founder's fee" plan will permit prospective residents much more latitude in working out financial arrangements with the non-profit sponsors, Mr. Ryan added.

Construction will be started by the Auchter Co. within a month. Robert C. Broward and Robert A. Warner, Jacksonville architects, designed the community and will supervise construction.

Seminole Church Takes Lead in Subscriptions

The Rev. Ed Murfin, associate pastor at Seminole Church, St. Petersburg, asked the congregation for $1.50 per family to support his "special project" in an appeal this fall, distributing special envelopes in the bulletins for its use.

Donations began pouring in. The next week he revealed his special project was to have at least 10 per cent of the church's membership subscribe to the **Florida Methodist.** Donations still kept pouring in, two-thirds of them after this second announcement.

As a result, Seminole's subscribing families increased from 16 to 157 — well over the 128 needed to meet the "1 in 10" goal and the greatest number from any church this year. Mr. Murfin said only three donors took him up on an option to contribute the $1.50 to the church's parking lot fund instead.

OUR COVER

Appearing on our cover is a photograph of the altar of the Marathon Church with a Nativity scene given to the church by Mrs. Emilie Arlt. The background was painted by Mrs. Arlt and the silhouette figures were cut out of black velour.

Mrs. Arlt's paintings have been shown in Key West, Washington, D. C., Jamaica, and New York City, as well as other places. At present some of her paintings of the Florida Keys are hanging in the Martello Towers Art Museum in Key West.

Visiting Evangelists Aid 3 Small Churches

Forty-four U. S. Methodists at the close of an evangelistic mission recently in Brazil gave a total of $1,000 to build three small churches around Brasilia, new capital city of the country.

During the mission, a total of 843 persons made first decisions for Christ and were enrolled in training classes as candidates for church membership, reported the Rev. George H. Jones, staff member of the Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn.

Among the ministers was the Rev. C. M. Cotton, pastor of First Church, Lakeland, and missionary secretary for the Florida Conference.

TRINITY CHURCH IN SEVILLE

50 YEARS AGO—

Seville Minister Shuns Meetings, Builds Church That Still Stands

Ministers involved in a continued round of building committee meetings might take a lesson from the 50-year-old Trinity Church at Seville, in the DeLand District—and learn carpentry.

A history of the church by the present pastor, the Rev. Francis C. Smelt, relates the following incident.

"Bennet's Chapel," the first Methodist Church in the community, burned to the ground on Nov. 11, 1910. The Rev. James H. Owens, pastor, sought to rebuild and a committee was appointed. Pledges to support the work were disappointing and two years later the project was still not started—although $772.50 had been raised to help finance it.

At this point, Mr. Smelt's history states:

"The Conference replaced Mr. Owens with the Rev. R. E. L. Folsom, a preacher and a carpenter. He held one meeting of the committee in January of 1912, was appointed to oversee the work, and had no further meetings until May 9 after the building was completed."

The building is still in use today. Many improvements have been made since 1912, but the basic structure remains the same.

The church celebrated the 50th anniversary of its building recently with the Rev. Henry W. Blackburn, director of church extension, in the pulpit. Mr. Blackburn's father was presiding elder of the district when the building was erected.

The church's history dates back to the period from 1878 to 1885 when the Rev. R. H. Barnett served a large "circuit" including Seville. Methodist and Baptist churches were established in the community before the first school was built.

Membership Gains Show Lag in Florida As 'Aldersgate Year' Emphasis Begins

The Florida Conference approaches Aldersgate Year with a somewhat disappointing record of evangelism for the first half of the Conference Year.

Reports at the 11 district conferences show less members were taken in than a year ago in all three categories of additions to the church — profession of faith, receipt from other denominations, and transfer from other Methodist churches.

An unofficial total of the district records indicate that 2,315 were received on profession of faith this year as compared to 2,960 for the same period a year ago, 1,550 from other denominations as compared to 1,972, and 6,326 on certificate of transfer as compared to 7,284.

Only the Jacksonville District advanced in all three categories. It was the only district to record a gain in profession of faith additions.

Three churches added over 150 members to their rolls during the six month's period. They were Eau Gallie, 157; Hollywood Hills, 156; and First Church, Clearwater, 155.

Other churches adding more than 100 members were: Arlington, Jacksonville, 146; St. Paul, Jacksonville, 142; First Church, Orlando, 141; First Church, Coral Gables, 123; Titusville, 114; Cape Coral (new) 111; Aloma, Winter Park, 109; and Seminole, St. Petersburg, 101.

(Other news of the district conferences and reports on progress made during the first half of the Conference Year will be carried in the Jan. 1 issue.)

Beyond the Tinsel

Beyond the tinsel, does a Star
Yet shine to point out where you are?
Lord Christ, will angels sing again
Of peace on earth, good will to men?

Beyond the jaded shopping center
Where Santa Claus nods as you enter,
Past Christmas cards and Christmas holly,
Will hearts be warm though winds are chilly?

When Yule-tide logs are all aglow
And lovers look for mistletoe,
Beyond the glittering Christmas tree,
Lord Christ, will anyone worship Thee?

CHARLES HANNIBAL VOSS

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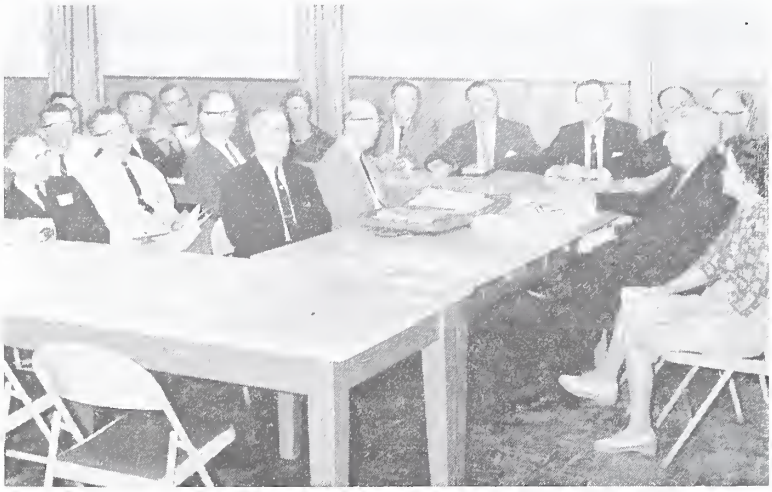

The Rev. Robert C. Clemmons (second from right), a staff member of the General Board of Education, serves as a resource person at a coaching conference held in Lakeland recently for leaders in adult work seeking certification to teach courses at Christian Workers' Schools.

Autonomy Fostered

The Board of Missions, New York, has adopted policies designed to give more independence and self-direction to Methodist churches in Latin America. The board's actions recognize the increasing maturity of younger Methodist churches in Latin America and their desire for more autonomy.

The new policies cover such matters as finances, missionary personnel, schools and administrative relationships. They were adopted in response to recommendations to the board by Methodists in 10 Latin American countries and from other parts of the world. The recommendations grew out of a Latin American Consultation sponsored by the board several months ago in Buenos Aires.

Racial Atmosphere In Atlanta Praised

Atlanta's progress in race relations reflects a commitment by most of its citizens to basic American and Christian principles, Dr. John Letson, superintendent of Atlanta city schools, told a racially-integrated Methodist meeting there recently.

Addressing the same group, Bishop John Owen Smith of the Atlanta Area declared: "Atlanta means more than ever before—they've marked this city in the isolated spots around the world."

Bishop Smith, recently returned from an extended tour of the Far East, told the group: "What we have done here (in race relations) in the last few years is known around the world with appreciation."

'Business as Usual' On Sunday Shows Increase in Florida

More stores than ever before in Florida appear to be observing the approach of Christmas by desecrating the day in the week set aside to commemorate Christ.

In Miami the newly-formed Ministers' Emergency Committee for Sunday Observance recently held a special meeting to discuss a law which would make it illegal for businesses to penalize workers who refuse to labor on a day commonly observed in his religion for worship.

In Jacksonville, James Jorman, director of the Florida Retail Federation, estimated that 95 per cent of the establishments now operating on Sunday do not wish to do so.

In Lakeland, the opening of a new discount house brought the first large-scale Sunday retail business to the city.

Despite discussions of new Sunday closing laws, most religious leaders agreed that the best way for church people to cope with the practice is to refrain from shopping on Sunday themselves.

"I believe that if the church people alone would refrain entirely from shopping on Sunday, except for essentials such as drugs and medicines, then the stores would have to stay closed on Sundays. There simply would not be enough business to keep them open," said the Rev. Robert M. Blackburn, pastor of First Church, Jacksonville, and chairman of the ministerial alliance's civic welfare committee.

In Miami a businessman was quoted by a Baptist minister as saying that for every customer who has commended his policy of Sunday closing there have been 25 lost to stores that are staying open.

2 Represent Florida

Florida Methodists were represented by two delegates at the November 26-30 annual meeting of the church's Council on Evangelism, which met in Ocean City, N. J.

Attending the meeting were the Rev. Lewis N. Head of West Palm Beach, chairman of the Florida Conference Board of Evangelism, and the Rev. Robert D. Bledsoe, Haines City, secretary.

WEIGHT-LIFTING EVANGELIST

Student Succeeds in Unusual Parish

An Emory University theology student from Florida became a weight-lifting evangelist in one of the world's oddest parishes last summer — "Muscle Beach" California.

George Gill (Chuck) Hunter III, Miami, who is president of Emory's student body, found that his weight-lifting ability was a prime asset in his assignment.

"I worked with unchurched youth, sexial deviates, beatniks and the muscle men of 'Muscle Beach'," he said, in describing his summer assignment by the Board of Evangelism.

As a result of his efforts a store front church will soon be opened in the rundown section of greater Los Angeles where he worked.

Hunter, 24, said he supposed the Board sent him to Muscle Beach because he was the largest student among 25 assigned across the country to work for the church during the summer.

Muscle Beach is in a part of greater Los Angeles where the buildings are old and the rent is cheap, Hunter said. As a result of the beautiful beach and the low rent the area attracts all kinds of people.

Hunter said he tried different methods for reaching the various people in his oddly-assorted parish. "This required going where they were and getting to know them on their level."

The tough young ministerial student devised a schedule that would give most ministers nightmares.

Most weeks he spent three afternoons at Muscle Beach where he worked out with the weight lifters and "muscle men" who gather there. Two afternoons each week he went to a bar where homosexuals gathered. At night he met with young people at the parish church or went to a beatnik coffee shop or art gallery.

"Chuck" Hunter

A story in the Santa Monica paper about his work brought a flood of complaints from church people, Hunter said. "These callers thought the church should keep itself lily white and not associate with degenerate people."

Hunter answered them: "This was the enterprise that Jesus was most engaged in. In fact, He was criticized by the so-called 'religious' people of His day for associating with 'publicans and sinners'."

His greatest contribution was made at a beatnik discussion on great books every Tuesday night, Hunter feels. The discussion was held in a vacant store on the beach front. "Many of these people for the first time came to see that the church had something relevant and strong to say to today's world."

One of the beatniks Hunter interested in the church was an honor graduate of the University of Michigan, now a television writer with a beatnik philosophy.

The Los Angeles district of the Methodist Church is going to develop the store front church because they feel the mobile population wouldn't justify a permanent structure. Most of the people feel more at home in the store front church as they do not have dress clothes, Hunter said.

Hunter's work attracted the attention of many civic clubs. He appeared a few weeks ago on Art Linkletter's national TV show to tell about it.

A natural leader, he was vice president of the student body at Florida Southern College where he did his under-graduate work. At the same school he was elected the outstanding senior for 1960, chief justice of student court, twice president of his class, president of ODK leadership fraternity, president of the Inter-Faith Council and a varsity debater.

Hunter's parents live in Coral Gables and are members of the Wesley Memorial Church there.

The theology student is now serving as an associate pastor of a rural Georgia circuit in addition to his studies at Emory. He serves the Locust Grove charge in Henry County, which contains three churches, Locust Grove, Philadelphia, and New Hope.

He was a varsity baseball player in high school at North Miami, Florida High and at Florida Southern. He took up weight-lifting at Emory last year and was first in the light-heavyweight class in the Tri-State meet.

Does he want to continue to have unusual ministries?

"I'll go wherever the bishop in Florida wants me to serve."

We Can Be Proud Of Our Students

The Methodist Church observes Student Recognition Day on Dec. 30. Above is an account of the unusual summer ministry of one of our outstanding theology students. In the next issue we will carry a talk given by a recent high school graduate at a Woman's Society of Christian Service meeting on the question: "What should the Church do today to meet the needs of youth?"

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COFFEE—

Spirit of Sharing Brings 500 to Settlement House

The Christmas season's spirit of sharing brought together some 500 women from the Woman's Societies of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Tampa and St. Petersburg Districts and their guests for the annual Methodist Settlement Christmas Coffee at Rosa Valdez Settlement.

The offering is being used to provide encyclopedias for the library of Rosa Valdez Settlement and public address systems for both Rosa Valdez and Wolff Settlements. The two projects — Wolff in Ybor City and Rosa Valdez in West Tampa — have served their respective areas for more than 60 years, offering programs designed to strengthen family ties and broaden the mental and spiritual outlook of young and old.

Mrs. Raymond S. White was general chairman; her assistants were Mrs. H. S. Prince and Mrs. Jane Anderson.

Forming the receiving line were Mrs. David R. Thurman, Miami, president of the Conference Woman's Society; Mrs. Grady R. Swope, St. Petersburg, conference secretary of supply work; the Rev. Durward McDonell, Tampa District superintendent; the Rev. Hoyt Tatum, St. Petersburg District superintendent; Mrs. J. Schuyler Meadows, president, Tampa Methodist Settlements; Mrs. R. E. McCranie, president, Tampa District Woman's Society; Mrs. Herbert Grant, president, St. Petersburg District Woman's Society; Miss Ruth Mayhall, Miss Cleo Barber, deaconesses, and Mrs. Anne Smith, staff hostesses; and Mrs. Luther Ray, conference secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. Hoyt Tatum pours for Mrs. C. C. Lovejoy at the annual Silver Coffee given by the Tampa Settlement Board for the benefit of Wolff and Rosa Valdez Settlements.

Mrs. Hoyt Tatum, St. Petersburg, and Mrs. C. Durward McDonell, Mrs. C. M. Hammond, Mrs. Ben F. Shaw, Mrs. Harold Moore, Mrs. E. A. Dunn, Mrs. George Burke and Mrs. E. H. Wade poured at the two-point coffee table which was decorated by Mrs. James G. Matheny. Serving were the ladies from Hyde Park, Temple Terrace, Seminole Heights, St. Johns and First Churches.

Mrs. Jack Holmes was responsible for room decorations. Others assisting were Mrs. P. B. Schaker and Mrs. Edward Blackburn, Jr., registration; Mrs. Inez Solarzano, Mrs. Carroll Slayton and Ruthie Lee Paul, music; also Mrs. Hoyt C. Holland, Mrs. Anders Elman, Mrs. Paul King, Mrs. E. A. McCartney, Mrs. J. B. Colbert and Mrs. J. W. Johnson.

WSG Members Hold Tea at Community Center

Wesleyan Service Guild members from the 26 units in the Jacksonville District enjoyed the annual Christmas tea held at the Methodist Community Center in Jacksonville Sunday afternoon, Dec. 9.

The trailer headquarters for the center was decorated with Christmas greens including a tree on which the Guild members had hung their money gifts wrapped as silver bells. The money will be used to buy a small organ for use at the center, and for concrete benches for the center's grounds.

In charge of arrangements for this second annual tea was Mrs. Clyde McIntyre, district chairman of supply work for the Guild. Also assisting were Miss Helen Fennema, deaconess, director of the center; Mrs. Ralph Perkins, president of the board of directors for the center, board members; and Miss Louise Metcalf, district secretary, Wesleyan Service Guild.

News of Ambulance Thrills Missionary

A recent letter from Dr. Vela Cleveland, a member of the staff Ellen Thoburn Cowen Memorial Hospital, Kolar, Mysore State, India, and whose Florida home is Ft. Meade, inclosed an invitation to attend the Golden Jubilee celebration of the school of nursing.

In addition she says, "We have been so excited . . . for we have received official word from New York that we will soon have a new ambulance, a gift of the Florida Conference Woman's Society. And, my, we do need it! At the very time the letter came to tell of this gift, our ambulance was out of service for repairs. We are looking forward to delivery in October or November."

This gift was made possible by the Love Offering brought by Florida women to the 1962 annual meeting in St. Petersburg, which was divided between the work of Dr. Cleveland and the foster home for school-age Cuban refugees in Miami.

WOMEN HOLD

CHRISTMAS

PARTY AT

LATIN CENTER

Above kindergarten students at the Miami Center portray the manger scene at the annual Christmas party of the Miami District WSCS. Pictured at the party are (from left): Mrs. David Thurman, Miami, conference president; Miss Lillian Kelly, deaconess at the Latin Center; Miss Inez Martin, deaconess at Wesley House; and Mrs. T. W. Godbold, secretary of supply work, Miami District.

290 Attend Annual Christmas Party at Latin Center

Miami District's annual Christmas party to bring love gifts of cash and supplies of paper goods, soap and canned juices for the Wesley Community House at Key West and Miami Latin Center brought 290 registered members from 42 churches to the Latin Center Wednesday morning, Nov. 4.

Local secretaries of supply work assisted Mrs. T. W. Godbold, district secretary, in planning the party and providing Christmas wreath name-tags, Christmas card Madonna program covers, and holiday punch and cookies for the fellowship hour which preceded the program.

Guests were afforded the opportunity of viewing in action the kindergarten, with its 45 children of Spanish speaking parents, under the direction of Mrs. C. H. Duteil. Also open for inspection were the newly established quarters of the Group Foster Home for the short term care of school age Cuban refugees.

The program included greetings from district president, Mrs. Donald D. Richardson, Sr., a Christmas story by Mrs. Mitchell G. Florence, wife of the associate pastor of Trinity Church, with piano accompaniment by Mrs. Charles Penny, wife of the associate pastor of White Temple Church. The children portrayed in costume the manger scene and sang Christmas carols and other songs in Spanish and English.

Mrs. Richard E. Blanchard, wife of the pastor of Trinity Church and district secretary of missionary personnel, led the women in carol singing. Reports of the work at the two centers were given by deaconesses Lillian Kelly and Inez Martin. Special guests for the occasion were Mrs. David R. Thurman, conference president, and Mrs. Allen Watson, conference secretary of missionary education and service, also Mrs. Clayton Calhoun, wife of the president of Paine College.

Mrs. Alfred Taylor, treasurer of the Miami district, reports that the amount brought to the altar as love gifts of money for the two centers totalled $804.79. The approximate cash value of gifts of canned juice, paper goods and soap, according to Mrs. Godbold, is $417, plus layettes for Cuban refugees, and toys worth about $270.

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News From The Churches

NEW VANDERBILT COACH SPEAKS

Jack Green, recently named head coach at Vanderbilt University after serving as line coach at the University of Florida, spoke to the Men's Club of Wesconnett Church recently. Coaches and players of Forrest High School were invited guests of the club.

METHODIST TO HEAD MINISTERS

The Rev. Eldon Simmons, pastor of First Church, Homestead, has been elected president of the Greater Homestead Ministerial Assn.

. . . Blood donors

19 PINTS OF BLOOD DONATED

The Men's Club of Childs Park Church, St. Petersburg, met recently at the blood bank to learn of its work and then to donate 19 pints toward the club's account. Afterwards, they returned to the church for a meal prepared by one of the circles. Two of the wives joined their husbands in giving blood. Demonstrating tell-tale patches on their arms are (front row, from left): Roy E. Pinch, Jr., R. B. Williams and Leonard Smith. On the back row are William Vedder, Jack Martin and T. M. Cotton.

. . . In Ormond Beach

WORK BEGINS ON FIRST UNIT

Ground was broken Nov. 25 on the new fellowship hall of Riverview Church, the first unit of a young church at Ormond Beach. Five speakers participated in the ceremony, including the Rev. Bruce Gannaway, Orlando District superintendent (who supervised the early stages of planning before creation of the DeLand District); the Rev. Joe A. Tolle, DeLand District superintendent; the Rev. Ernest A. Miller, retired, first pastor of the church; the Rev. James E. Bayley, retired, who served the church for an interim period last year; and the Rev. Hugh M. Foster, the present pastor of the church. Pictured above are (from left): The Rev. E. F. Carwithen, pastor of First Church, Daytona Beach; Mr. Miller; Mr. Foster; Mr. Tolle; Mr. Gannaway; the Rev. Alfred B. Vaught, pastor of Trinity Church, DeLand; Lewis F. Law, an attorney in Daytona Beach; and Mr. Bayley.

LIGHTS SHINE FOR DONATIONS

Trinity Church, Lakeland, is decorating an unusual Christmas tree to raise money for missions. The tree began without ornamentation, but whenever a bill is pinned on the branches a light shines out. A white light is for $1, red for $5, blue for $10 and green for $20. Mrs. Helen Waterson, chairman of the commission on missions, feels sure that the goal of $150 will light the big star at the top of the tree by Christmas.

. . . New Parsonage

CHURCH PURCHASES $13,000 HOME

Howe Memorial Church, Crescent City, has purchased a new parsonage for $13,000 and has spent an additional $2,000 in remodeling. The house has seven rooms and a large screened front porch. There is also a double garage with two storage rooms. The house is located on a large corner lot overlooking a beautiful lake. A special consecration service was conducted in October by the Rev. Don Mizell, pastor, and the Rev. Joe A. Tolle, DeLand District superintendent.

RECEIVES OUT-OF-STATE MEMBERS

The new church at Sun Ray, soon to be formally organized, received 10 new members from five states on a recent Sunday. Former homes of the five couples were: Tulsa, Okla.; Spartanburg, S. C.; Reedsville, Penna.; Louisville, Ky.; and Attica, N.Y. The Rev. Edward L. Dinkins, Jr., pastor at nearby Frostproof, conducts services each Sunday at Sun Ray.

MISSIONARY RETURNS HOME

Miss Edna Floy Brown returned to her home church at Ft. Meade recently after serving four and one-half years as a missionary to Sarawak. She spoke at the morning worship service and visited several church school classes. Rounding out the missionary-minded day at the church was a slide presentation by the Rev. Gerald McCray, pastor of the Bowling Green Church, on his work in Nome, Alaska.

. . . Lead in dedication

PERRY CHURCH BURNS MORTGAGE

A dedication service for the educational building of Grace Church, Perry, was held Nov. 28 immediately following the Tallahassee District Conference. Surveying the charred ashes of the mortgage are (from left): Bishop Henley, the Rev. Warren Wasson, pastor; Mrs. C. B. Attaway, chairman of the commission on education; J. V. Martin, lay leader; C. B. Attaway, representing the trustees; the Rev. Robert C. Holmes, district superintendent; and the Rev. J. A. Hendry, retired pastor who organized the church two years ago.

SATURDAY NIGHT SONG SERVICE

Christ Church, St. Petersburg, has inaugurated a Saturday Night Sing, which will also feature religious motion pictures. John L. Reynolds, director of music, serves as the song leader. Old-time songs and hymns will be selected.

SANCTUARY NOW DEBT-FREE

Members of Trinity Church, St. Petersburg, paid off the mortgage on their $72,164 sanctuary in just four and one-half years. Bishop Henley delivered the sermon at the dedication service on Nov. 25. Present pastor of the church is the Rev. Robert W. Weaver. The church had its beginning as a tent in 1926 when two young evangelists, the Rev. J. Wallace Hamilton and the Rev. A. G. Donald, arrived in St. Petersburg. When the tent was wrecked by a gale an abandoned dance hall was secured for the meetings. A year later the first permanent building was constructed.

CHURCH COMMENDS BRYANTS

Coral Way Church, Miami, has sent a letter of commendation to Gov. and Mrs. Farris Bryant for their "personal and family position concerning the serving of alcoholic beverages." The letter cited two newspaper items telling of Mrs. Bryant's policy of "no alcoholic beverages" served in their home and the governor's influence when the members of the Southern Governors' Conference refrained from drinking on a cruise due to Bryant's dry position.

"These newspaper comments were greatly encouraging to us for they represent a mood and conviction on your part and the part of your family that will have a very positive and far-reaching effect on many of our fellow citizens, and particularly the young people who learn of your practice in this matter," the letter said.

The Bryants are Methodists.

LOT PURCHASED FOR PARSONAGE

The Hernando Church has purchased a new site for its parsonage in a subdivision overlooking Lake Tsala-Apopka. Construction of a modern three-bedroom home will begin shortly. The old parsonage was near a railroad on one side and next to a service station and garage on the other. The garage owner has bought the old property but is allowing the Rev. J. P. Lilly and his family to live there rent-free until the new parsonage is completed.

AUTHOR HONORED AT PARTY

An autograph party was held Dec. 2 at Bryan Memorial Church in Miami to honor Miss Coral Kathleen Fields, whose just published book "On To Know," is a biography of her sister, Miss Ethel Ardell Fields. The sisters were successive treasurers of the Florida Conference. Miss Ethel Fields died of cancer in 1951.

. . . Thanksgiving tree

HOLDEN HEIGHTS 'MONEY TREE'

Holden Heights Church, Orlando, held its annual Thanksgiving Tree Service on Nov. 25. A small oak tree, stripped barren of leaves, was placed in front of the sanctuary waiting for its boughs to be covered with folding money. The higher the denomination of the gift, the higher on the tree it is placed. More than $600 was donated to defray church obligations and expenses. Shown attaching bills to the tree are Louis Roberson, Richard Sprague and Herb Thomas.

FORMER MINISTERS PREACH—

Pompano Beach Has Month-Long Golden Jubilee Celebration

First Church, Pompano Beach, observed its 50th anniversary with a Golden Jubilee program that covered five Sundays from Nov. 18 to Dec. 16.

One of the highlights of the month-long observance was a Homecoming service on Dec. 9 in which Bishop Henley preached the sermon and led in the dedication of the five-year-old sanctuary — signifying that it is debt-free.

The Rev. Charles A. Thompson, pastor, and the Rev. Lee E. Strother, associate pastor, led in the commemorative program which include sermons by five former pastors of the church.

The Rev. Raymond A. Alley, who was pastor from 1942-45, preached on Nov. 18. He is now pastor at First Church, Ocala. The Rev. W. A. Myres, who served the church from 1946-48, preached on Nov. 25. Mr. Myres now lives in retirement in Lakeland.

The Rev. Ashton A. Almand, who was pastor at the church from 1948 to 1953, preached on Dec. 2. He is now treasurer of the General Board of Missions in New York.

The evening worship on Dec. 9 was led by the Rev. John M. Sikes, who served the church from 1953-61. He is now pastor of Southside Church, Jacksonville. It was under his ministry that the new sanctuary was built and plans for the new buildings at the church were virtually completed.

Completing the jubilee program will be morning services on Dec. 16 with a sermon by the Rev. George A. Foster, Miami District superintendent. Mr. Foster served the church from 1937-42.

The Pompano Beach church was organized in 1912 by the Rev. Carter Hardin, the Methodist pastor in Dania. Mr. Hardin now lives in retirement in Lakeland. For 10 years the small congregation remained as part of the Dania charge.

The church's history actually goes back several years further as a community church with no regularly assigned pastor.

A historical statement by Mrs. T. N. Alevander related this interesting occurence in the life of the church:

"In the destructive hurricane of 1926, the Methodist Church was blown away. It was decided to change the location to the site of the parsonage. A large building was started for a parsonage. Before it was finished the Florida "boom" came to a sad end and this building then had to be converted into a church. It never looked like a church and no one was proud of it. Consequently no picture has been found of it! However, it served the congregation as a sanctuary from 1926 to 1938-39 when the present chapel was under construction."

The rapid growth of the church following World War II soon taxed the facilities of the pre-war buildings. The church expansion began under the leadership of Mr. Myres, who acquired the land, and continued under successive pastors until completion of the new social-recreation hall, administrative building and additional classrooms which were first occupied during the current Golden Jubilee Celebration.

WESLEY MEMORIAL IN JACKSONVILLE

IN JACKSONVILLE—

Wesley Memorial Builds at New Location

Wesley Memorial Church, Jacksonville, will soon be occupying a new church site near Robert E. Lee High School — about a mile away and across the expressway from its present site.

The first stage of construction of the new unit will form the left side of what will eventually be a square-shaped building with an enclosed courtyard for outdoor religious ceremonies and youth activities.

Under construction are a fellowship hall, seating about 300, and educational rooms to accommodate the current church school attendance. A permanent sanctuary and more educational space will form the second phase of the $150,000 building program.

The Rev. Herbert L. Bowdoin, pastor, said the 500-member church is considered "old" by Florida standards. Many members represent third generation of their families and come across town to worship at Wesley Memorial.

"It's also a congregation which considers its church a very close part of their lives," Mr. Bowdoin continued.

"For instance . . . it's the only church I've ever seen where you have the same choir Sunday night that you had Sunday morning. In many churches, adult choir members sing Sunday mornings and don't come to church that night, so the churches use young people's choirs for evening service."

Randall L. Hunt is chairman of the church building committee. His son, the Rev. John Hunt—pastor of Methodist Temple, Lakeland—preached the last Homecoming service at the site of his old home church on Dec. 2.

New Film Depicts Evils of Gambling

Why the Methodist Church op-oses gambling is dramatically presented in a moving picture, "Where Fortune Smiles."

The movie was produced in Hollywood for the Division of Temperance and General Welfare of the Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns by Burt Martin and Associates. It was supervised by the Television, Radio and Film Commission.

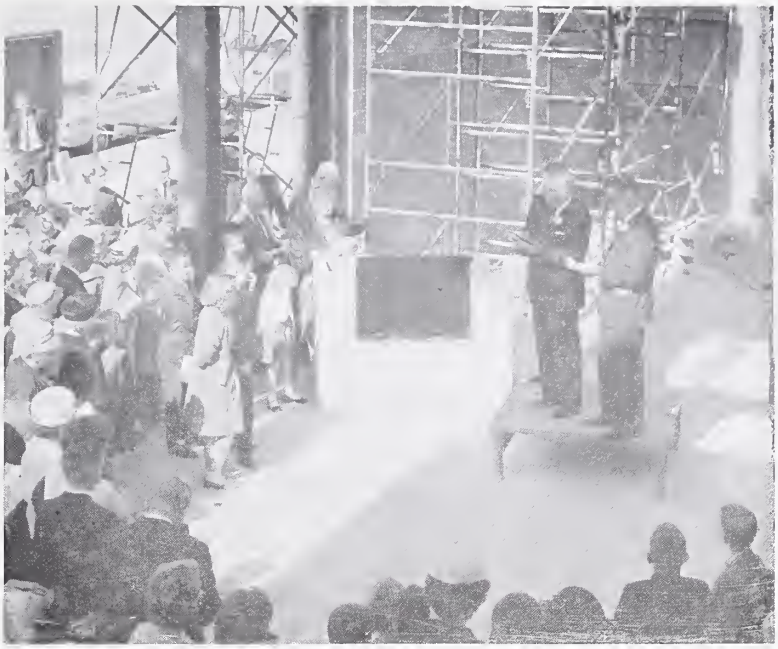
The 31-minute film centers around a girl who is introduced to the slot machines in a dine-dance club by her fiance. As her story unfolds, viewers realize why many churches and church people oppose gambling in all its forms.

New Braille Edition

For the first time a special Braille edition of the Christmas Scripture portion is being made available by the American Bible Society. The portions are reprints of the Christmas message from the Gospel according to Luke.

Sightless people — or their friends who wish to remember them in this way at Christmas-time — can obtain the portion in Grade 2 Braille, in either the King James or the Revised Standard Version, for only 45 cents per copy by writing to the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N.Y.

Bishop Henley begins a big project in a big way — breaking ground on the Branscomb Memorial Auditorium on the campus of Florida Southern College. Construction is now underway in the auditorium.



Several hundred persons attended the cornerstone laying of the new $1 million sanctuary for First Church, Orlando, on Dec. 2. They were led in the service by the Rev. E. J. Pendergrass, pastor; Bishop Henley; and the Rev. Bruce Gannaway, superintendent of the Orlando District. The new sanctuary is approximately half completed and should be ready for use by about May 15.

'Day Apart' Opens Christmas Season

"Come Ye Apart Awhile" was the theme for the fall semi-annual day apart service that opened the Christmas season for the women of the Tampa District Woman's Society of Christian Service. The program was held Nov. 30 in the sanctuary of Grace Church, Plant City.

Mrs. Theodore S. James Jr., district secretary of spiritual life, was chairman of the program. Speakers were Mrs. Hunter D. Griffin, Plant City, who recently returned from missionary service in Southern Rhodesia, and the Rev. Vernon Queen, pastor of Springhead Church.

Special music was presented under the direction of Mrs. C. R. Garland. Mrs. Curtis Falany, local president, assisted by the members of Grace society were hostesses. The Rev. Marvin Buckner is pastor of the host church.

Ratify Charter

Members of three district executive committees — Gainesville, Orlando, Miami — have voted their personal ratification of the Revised Charter of Racial Policies.

Number of Deaconesses Decline During 1961-62

During the 12 months in 1961-62 there were 26 losses by retirement and release among the 400 active deaconesses in the U.S. There were 19 additions — a net loss of seven.

There were 27 new candidates approved by the Board of Missions during the year upon recommendation of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel. The papers of 15 more applicants were under review at the year's end. A candidate must remain on trial for a year before being commissioned.

An intensive recruitment drive for 75 new deaconesses will be conducted during 1963.

4,200 at Seminars

Reports from Mrs. Allen Watson, conference secretary of missionary education and service, shows that a grand total of 4,205 women attended the 27 fall Educational Seminars. These figures include 972 Guilders and 3233 Society members, representing 427 societies and 155 guild units. At the end of the first period's reporting, 380 approved study classes had been held, including 327 in Woman's Society and 53 in Guild; 145 were for jurisdiction recognition.

Mulberry Methodist Church, a landmark in the phosphate community for 55 years, is pictured shortly before being razed to make way for a new sanctuary on the site. Standing in front of the church is the Rev. James M. Smith, pastor, who led the congregation in a "de-consecration" service on Nov. 18. At the close of the service the choir led the congregation in a recessional that emptied the building for the last time. The original church was built in 1907, but an open vestibule at the front and additional space at the rear have been added through the years.

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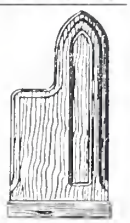

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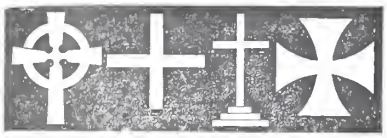

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2 Floridians Speak To College Students

Two Floridians are among four traveling representatives of the Methodist Board of Missions that are presenting the missionary program of the Methodist Church to college students this fall.

Miss Polly Lassiter, Lake Wales, who has done rural church and community work in the Florida Conference, will discuss the church's home mission work, especially in its task in rural areas.

Miss Betty Ruth Goode, Holopaw, a deaconess who has been on the staff of Homer Toberman Settlement House in San Pedro, Calif., and Centenary Methodist Community Center in Nashville, Tenn., will speak with special reference to inner-city work.

Each will visit up to 25 campuses through December. The two others in the program are former special-term overseas missionaries.

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Deaths

The Rev. Nath Thompson

The Rev. Nath Thompson, 94, oldest member of the North Georgia Conference and oldest alumnus of Emory University, died Nov. 26 in Anderson, S.C. Known to thousands of Georgia Methodists as "Uncle Nath," the retired Methodist minister regularly wrote a column for the **Wesleyan Christian Advocate**, weekly Georgia Methodist publication. Mr. Thompson was called out of retirement to serve pastorates in Florida by Bishop Arthur Moore during World War II. He served at Oviedo, New Smyrna Beach Community Church and Casselberry. He was at Casselberry when the new church was built. He and his wife, "Miss Sara" celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary before her death in 1958. Since that time he made his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Ned Camp, in Anderson. At one time the Thompsons lived at the intersection of John Wesley Street and Asbury Avenue in Oxford, Ga. He was buried in the Old Oxford cemetery.

The Rev. F. A. Shipley

The Rev. F. A. Shipley, 73, retired member of the Florida Conference, died Nov. 28 in St. Petersburg. Mr. Shipley came to Florida in 1936 from the North Indiana Conference. He served over 43 years as an active Methodist minister, including over 18 years in Florida. For several years after his retirement in 1954 he was minister of visitation at the Childs Park Church, St. Petersburg. During his ministry in Florida he served the following churches: Arlington-Gilmore, Jacksonville; Allendale, St. Petersburg; Hialeah; Grace, St. Petersburg; Eustis; Bowling Green; assistant at First Church, St. Petersburg; New Port Richey and Belleview. He is survived by his wife, Ovey; a son, Gifford, Bethesda, Md., two daughters, Mrs. Vilette C. Zolman, Mobile, Ala., and Mrs. Anita Scott, St. Petersburg; a brother, two sisters, a half-siter, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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To have a respect for ourselves guides our morals; and to have a deference for others governs our manners.

—LAURENCE STERNE

CHURCH and WORLD

By GEORGE HILL
Minister of World Affairs
Palma Ceia Church, Tampa

Question—
But we can't trust Russia, can we?

Answer—I'm trying to help create a situation in which it will not be necessary to trust them so much as we do now. I'm trying to remove their armaments from them. At the present time we're "trusting" Russians to be completely prudent, wise, and rational with the greatest destructive power in history next to our own. We're trusting them to be such perfect engineers and scientists that no accident will occur. We have had no evidence that they are such supermen as to warrant this trust, but we're trusting them just the same.

Also, we're trusting them to trust us to be similarly prudent, wise, rational, and mechanically perfect despite contrary evidence that we, too, are no more than human. No, I don't trust the Russians. I think they're human, and I believe the Bible when it says human beings are less than God.

That's why I'm for disarmament — for removing from the untrustworthy hands of men the power to inflict irreparable damage on the human race. No disarmament plan that I know of requires us to "trust the Russians." But the present balance of terror does. And I agree with President Kennedy, Generals Bradley and MacArthur, and many others, that we are being completely naive when we assume that the present situation, putting almost infinite strain on finite man, can end any way but in disaster.

Were You at Junaluska in 1913? Then Someone's Looking for You

Were you there?

That is, were you at Lake Junaluska, N. C., on June 25, 1913?

Next summer the Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly will observe its 50th anniversary. One of the features will be "homecoming" for persons who attended the assembly's opening conference — a Southwide Missionary Conference which began on June 25, 1913.

Assembly officials are anxious to get in touch with Floridians and others who attended the 1913 conference. If you were there, no matter if you were only a child, please write Dr. J. W. Fowler, Jr., Superintendent, Lake Juanluska, N. C.

Or if you know of relatives or friends still living who were there, please send Dr. Fowler their names and addresses.

Several Tampa Churches Help To Build Sanctuary

A recent story in the **Florida Methodist** about the help given the St. Luke's Methodist Church, Central Jurisdiction, in Plant City by First Church there inadvertently left out the role of other churches in the Tampa District in the financing of St. Luke's new sanctuary.

The Rev. Durward McDonell, Tampa District superintendent, took a personal interest in the project and presented the needs of the church to the ministers in the district. As a result over a dozen churches assisted in it.

Births

Oct. 31—A son, Bruce Lane, to the Rev. and Mrs. Don Mizell, Howe Memorial Church, Crescent City.

CALENDAR

Dec. 16—Christmas Offering for Florida Methodist Children's Home.

Dec. 18—Commission on World Service and Finance, Methodist Building, Lakeland, 1 p.m.

Dec. 23—World Service Sunday in the Church School.

Dec. 30—Florida Methodist Children's Home Sunday.

Dec. 30—Student Recognition Day.

Jan. 7—Board of Missions, Methodist Building, Lakeland, 10 a.m.

Jan. 11-13—School on Sex Morals, Methodist Youth Camp.

Jan. 15-17—Bishop and Cabinet meet in Lakeland.

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The Bishop Calls—

Dear Readers of the Florida Methodist:

We are beginning a new calendar year in the life of Florida Methodism. It will be a year filled with sacred opportunities for our ministers and laymen alike. Many of us will be gathered on New Year's Eve for Watchnight Services of prayer and praise. In this fitting way we will seek to prepare for the open doors which God will provide for the expression of our Christian Discipleship. I find myself wishing you more than a "Happy New Year." I wish for you a victorious New Year — one in which your Christian faith becomes more real and your Christian service becomes more productive than ever before.

Here is an important announcement. The Southeastern Jurisdictional Convocation will meet in the First Methodist Church in Memphis, Tenn., March 6-8. The topic of the convocation will be the significance of Wesley's Aldersgate Experience to the life of every area of the church. Some of the addresses will be:

"Bringing Aldersgate Up-to-Date"
—Bishop Paul N. Garber
"Aldersgate and the Local Church"
—Bishop Roy H. Short
"Aldersgate and Missions"
—Bishop Walter C. Gum
"Aldersgate and Social Concerns"
—Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr.
"Aldersgate and Youth"
—Bishop James W. Henley
"Aldersgate and Education"
—Bishop Marvin A. Franklin
"Aldersgate and Methodist Polity"
—Bishop Nolan B. Harmon
"This is Our Day"
—Bishop John Owen Smith

Our goal is to have at least two carloads of Methodist people going to the Jurisdictional Convocation from each district in our conference. It will require a bit of planning, beginning right now. District superintendents and preachers, lay leaders and Woman's Society presidents are urged to cooperate in securing proper representation. This conference can, should—and I believe, will—be a source of great spiritual inspiration to the church throughout the Southeast.

You may be interested in these occasions. On Dec. 9, I participated in the dedication of the sanctuary and church plant of First Church, Pompano Beach. That afternoon I had the privilege of participating in the dedication of an educational building at Boynton Beach. On Sunday, Dec. 16, I was present for the dedication of Grace Church, Tampa. The Florida Conference congratulates the ministers and congregations of these fine churches.

I wish to congratulate those churches which, in cooperation with the district superintendents and district boards of missions and church extension, are sponsoring new churches and giving direct support to their establishment. If we are to meet the needs of our growing population we must be ever alert in providing new congregations in strategic locations.

In closing, let me wish you God's blessings. Pray for Cuba. In a special sense, pray for our Methodist people in Cuba.

Sincerely,
JAMES W. HENLEY

Conference Giving Registers Increase

The Florida Conference improved its benevolence giving in all major funds but Conference Advance Specials during the first half of the year.

A report by Acting Conference Treasurer Vance K. Jenkins, Lakeland, shows increases in giving for World Service and Conference Benevolences, World Missions, National Missions, Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief; and Educational Specials.

Giving to World Service and Conference Benevolences totaled $296,705 for six months ending Nov. 23, compared to $269,409 a year ago.

Giving to Advance Specials totaled (1961 figures in parenthesis): World, $107,459 ($91,033); National, $22,613 ($13,339); MCOR $18,692 ($15,547); Conference, $229,304 ($246,459); and Educational Specials, $35,468 ($25,417).

Offerings Increase For Children's Home

Offerings for the Florida Methodist Children's Home totaled $61,544 in a six-month period ending Nov. 15, the Rev. Bascom W. Carlton, superintendent, reported at district conference.

This figure represents an increase from the $56,900 donated during the same period a year ago.

Mr. Carlton pointed out that under a plan adopted by the Florida Annual Conference each 5th Sunday offering date is designated for the children's home. On those offering dates the entire Sunday school collection and the loose offering at church services are to be sent directly to the children's home.

A portion of all offerings received this year will be used for the Mother Hunt Orphanage in Daytona Beach.

1,000 Baptized

More than 1,000 Koreans were baptized during a recent Methodist evangelistic mission in Korea in which nine Americans participated.

The mission was led by Dr. Harry Denman and the Rev. J. Manning Potts, both of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism. Mr. Denman is general secretary of the board and Mr. Potts editor of **The Upper Room.**

A surprise guest at the Miami District Conference was Bishop Pedro Zotelle of Santiago, Chile (left). He appears here with Bishop Henley and the Rev. Eugene L. Stockwell, executive secretary for Latin American Countries of the Division of World Missions, both of whom spoke at all 11 district conferences on the importance of our mission work in Latin America.

Need for Support of Latin American Churches Brought Out by Speakers at District Conferences

The work of Methodism in Latin America — and the need for much more of it — was brought out dramatically at the 11 district conferences throughout Florida in sermons by Bishop Henley and the Rev. Eugene L. Stockwell.

Bishop Henley gave an account of his recent tour of Latin America. He said he was impressed with the high regard in which Methodists were held in areas where they have been established and the zeal with which missionaries are establishing new churches.

The bishop also commented on the extreme poverty of the area—how in Brazil he visited a city of 65,000 which had no plumbing, piped-in water, or electricity and where all the buildings were erected of scrap lumber.

He told of a street in Chile where on one side there was painted on the wall, "Cuba si, Yankee no," showing Castro's popularity a few months ago. On the other side was a new Methodist church — built to replace one destroyed by the earthquake —which displays the sign: "This House of God is being erected through the generosity of our Christian brothers in the United States."

Mr. Stockwell noted that if for no other reason we should support world missions (1) in response to God's outreaching love for us, (2) to meet the challenge of the revolutionary world, and (3) because of human need everywhere.

DR. SPIVEY DIES

Dr. Ludd M. Spivey, president emeritus of Florida Southern College, died Dec. 27 in West Palm Beach. He failed to recover from surgery performed Dec. 17 to remove a blood clot following a stroke.

He was president of Florida Southern College for 32 years, prior to his retirement, and under his administration the student body grew from 300 to over 2,000. It was also under his administration that the campus designed by Frank Lloyd Wright was constructed, making the college a national landmark.

Funeral services were held Dec. 29 in the Annie Pfeiffer Chapel at Florida Southern College, with the Rev. P. M. Boyd presiding.

(Dr. Spivey's death occurred after press time of the Florida Methodist. A more complete account of his life and his contribution to Methodism will be included in the next issue.)

EXTRA MILE AWARD

She Sees God Despite Her Blindness

Miss Clemmie Cobb has been blind since she was nine. Now past 75 years of age, she reads Braille aloud so that others might hear.

For the past three years "Miss Clemmie" has been a patient in a Clearwater nursing home, but despite this handicap she still serves as a source of spiritual inspiration to members of Seminole Church, St. Petersburg.

Writing in the November newsletter of the church, she expressed thanks for the blessings that have come to her life — although many have told her she has nothing to be thankful for. In her blindness, she expresses the hope that others may see God as clearly as she has.

She writes:

"I am, most of all, truly, truly thankful for the fellowship that I have with my Lord — for His care and love. He has been so close to me and has meant so much to me. And I am wise enough to see Him and His expression of love for me through all the children of God who come near me. Would that my Saviour be your Saviour too, and that He be as close to you as He is to me."

Miss Clemmie Cobb

Miss Cobb was nominated for our "extra mile award" by a member of the Seminole Church, who wrote:

"Clemmie not only taught herself but she has helped others to learn to read in Braille and she spends hours reading to the other patients at the nursing home. Her thoughts and prayers are always for others and a visit with Clemmie is a real inspiration."

Besides contributing inspirational messages to the church's news-letter, "Miss Clemmie" also serves as devotional chairman of her circle in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The editor of the news-letter says of Miss Clemmie, "her sightless eyes shed many tears of compassion for all of us at Seminole. It's been one of the greatest experiences I have known to work with her in this capacity."

(If you know someone — man, woman or child; minister or layman — who you feel has gone the "extra mile" in some aspect of his life, please submit his name, photograph and the reasons for your choice to the Florida Methodist, Box 903, Lakeland.)

Ortega Church Celebrates 50th Anniversary, Notes Rapid Rate of Growth Since Relocation

The 50th Anniversary of Ortega Church in Jacksonville was observed Dec. 2 with the Rev. William W. Laite, who served as pastor of the church from 1945-50, as guest preacher.

A service of recognition was a feature of the morning worship service. It was revealed that only 110 of the present membership of the 815-member church had been members for 10 years or longer.

Of that number 58 have been members for 15 years, 24 for 20 years, 18 for 25 years, 15 for 30 years, and nine for 40 years.

Corsages were presented to Mrs. George C. Jones, the only surviving charter member, who returned to the Ortega Church in 1955; to Mrs. I. F. Roney, a member for 47 years, longest continuous member; and to Mrs. Laite.

Also recognized was Ancel M. Elder who served as a member of the official board for 21 years. His tenure of duty will end in June when his group rotates off the board.

The Rev. Osborn C. Belyeu, pastor, noted that since the relocation of the church to its present location, which was accomplished under the leadership of Mr. Laite, the membership has grown from 154 to 815 members. Of the present membership, 102 united with the church within the last 12 months.

Among the special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Laite's son, M. B. Laite, and his family; Jacksonville Lay Leader Edd Gentry and his family, former members of the church; and the Rev. Donald Mackay and his family, the parsonage family who followed Mr. and Mrs. Laite.

Scriptures for Refugees

During the first nine months of 1962, 139,784 Scriptures, at a cost of $12,021.34, were donated to the Cuban refugees in the greater Miami metropolitan area by the American Bible Society. The Scriptures are distributed through 66 pastors of churches and directors of Refugee Centers.

School on Sex Morals Scheduled This Month

The highly-acclaimed Florida Conference MYF School on Sex Morals will be held at the Leesburg Youth Camp on Jan. 18-20.

Last year was the first time for such a school and it was filled to a 300 capacity with many turned away. The school is for all MYF members in the 10th, 11th and 12th grade, working youth, college students and adult workers with youth.

The Rev. Dale White, program director for the General Board of Social Concerns, Washington, D.C., will serve as special resource leader.

Each church will be required to send one adult with each four youth delegates. No quotas have been set other than this. Cost for the weekend is $7.50.

To Lead Emory Series

The Rev. Thaxton Springfield, director of the Wesley Foundation at University of Florida and pastor of University Church, will be the first speaker in Emory University's winter quarter worship series. He will preach Jan. 9.

DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN—

'Breakthru' TV Series Scheduled in Florida Cities

"Breakthru," Methodism's bold experiment in quality television for children, will come to Florida in early 1963.

The Florida Council of Churches is making community-by-community preparation for showing of the 30-minute television series throughout the state.

Although no definite schedule has been released as to the time of the telecasts or the stations carrying them, it will be announced shortly.

Sam Lawder, radio-television director for the Florida Council Churches, has alerted residents in the following communities to check television listings during January for the start of the program: Orlando, Miami, West Palm Beach, Ft. Myers, Pensacola and Panama City.

Communities alerted for the start of the series in March are Jacksonville, Gainesville and St. Petersburg-Tampa. (In communities such as Gainesville local planning units have been established to take advantage of the program when it is on the Jacksonville station.)

The programs are produced primarily for children aged 9 through 11. Each begins with a dramatic interpretation of a real-life problem and is interrupted just before the climax for a studio discussion of the possible outcome by children in the 9-to-11 age group.

The moderator of these conversations attempts to get his viewing audience to identify with the characters in the play, discuss the significant issues involved, and anticipate the conclusion.

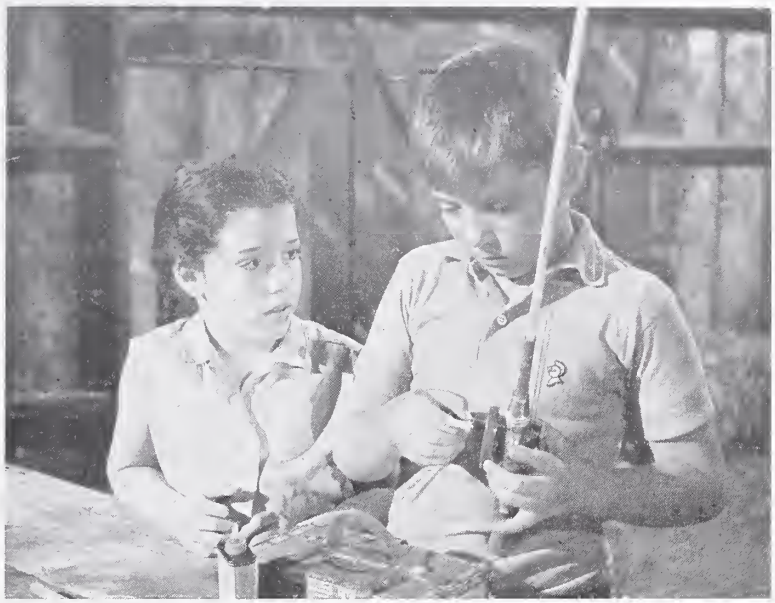
A brief description of the first four films in the 13-program series gives an example of the topics they cover:

1. Use of Talents: "Talking Hands" — Ruth feels she is too awkward to be able to do anything with her hands. But through trying to communicate with her great-aunt Beth, who is deaf, she learns the true meaning of using one's talents for others.

2. God as Creator: "Footprints on the Wall" — John, Sally and Terry are interested in the rock formations near the camp where their family is vacationing. But their Aunt Mary is disturbed by the children's conversation about scientific discoveries. She is fearful that scientists are trying to disprove God. Together, the aunt and the children find out how science tells of God's creation.

3. Basic Honesty: "Big Deal"—Pete has an electric motor that Tony wants to use in his boat for the hobby show. Even though the motor is broken, Pete holds out until Tony offers him his wrist watch — and later Pete has to decide if he really played fair on the trade.

4. Personal Injustice: "The Missing Queen"—After Bob showed his stamp album in his class at school, one of his most valuable stamps is missing. He accuses Kathy of taking the stamp. She is not guilty, but everyone thinks she is. She thinks she knows who did take it. Should she tell the teacher?



SCENE FROM 'BREAKTHRU' SERIES
. . . Pointed lessons for ages 9-11

The "Breakthru" series was developed to help boys and girls realize a deeper understanding of themselves, their relationship to themselves and to God.

Parents are encouraged to watch the programs with their children. To help boys and girls, their parents, and other teachers to make effective use of "Breakthru" the following are available from Breakthru, P.O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn. — **Viewers Guide to Breakthru** (20 cents); **Parents and Breakthru** (free); **Living With Your Children, an** anthology for parents, dealing with many issues parents face in helping children find Christian solutions to everyday problems ($1.00) and **A Guide for Teaching with Breakthru** (25 cents.)

Statement on Cigarette Advertising Supported

Support for former Gov. LeRoy Collins' stand against advertising which makes young people want to smoke was voiced in Washington, D.C., by Roger Burgess, director of the Methodist Division of Temperance and General Welfare.

He wrote Mr. Collins, president of the National Association of Broadcasters, to praise his statement that "tobacco provides a serious hazard to health" and that much cigarette advertising encourages smoking by "those without mature judgment."

Burgess said: "Our board, and the concerns and policies of The Methodist Church, are in full support of your forthright statement . . . We have long been concerned about the effects of advertising on young people and the ethics of presenting products in such a way as to appeal to youth."

Crosscurents

(A Forum of Methodist Opinion)

(Editor's Note: The following letters are in response to one which appeared in our Dec. 1 issue, written by T. H. Slade of Starke.)

Don't Expect Communists To Be Kind

Editor:

I have to agree with writer T. H. Slade when he states that too often our church has been "used" by communists. We too often expect that they will react the way we would to acts of kindness and consideration, but we fail to realize that a card-carrying communist has been trained to act and think differently.

I also recall my days in Student Christian Conferences and meetings while at the University of California. This was at a time (1947-48) many well-meaning Christians were saying that the forces opposing Chiang Kai-shek were not communists but were merely people who wanted agrarian reform! (Same in India today?)

Nor can we blindly insist on peace without first insisting on complete freedom of inspection everywhere and the existence of a true international police force. No animal trainer enters a cage without a weapon at hand, nor does a prison guard enter a cell block without adequately protecting himself. For us to lay down our arms as many communists have persuaded numerous Christians we should do would only lead to world enslavement since our communist brethren have been trained to be more cunning than any lion or any prisoner thought to be.

We should help people who are in need of help, but we had better take a page from the book of our communist brethren and send along a lot of propaganda. Let's let them know that we are one of the few nations who can afford to help them because we have freedom, democracy, and we encourage private initiative!

Jack Drachenberg Lakeland

Conservatism Puzzles Methodist Clergy

"Communism is socialism enforced with a police force."

It is obvious that the tremendous nationwide surge toward conservatism has greatly puzzled the Methodist clergy. The reason for this is simple: The Board of Christian Social Concerns, in the name of Methodism, is busy making "One-World Socialism" synonomous with Christianity! Methodists are urged to support federal aid to education, federally-controlled housing, etc!

What did Jesus say?

> "And one of the company said to Him, 'Master, speak to my brother that he divide the inheritance with me.' And Jesus said unto him, 'Man, who made me a judge or a divider over you?'" Luke 12:13-14

What is socialism? Socialism is government ownership, management and distribution of all land, industries, goods. Conservatives would say it is "government interference in all individual creative activities." It is exactly the opposite of that which individuals in our country have known since the creation of that sacred document, the Constitution of the United States. This Constitution provides that the government is the servant of the people, not the people the servant of the government.

Today, patriotism, love of one's country, love of individual freedom, are condemned from the pulpit as "narrow nationalism."

When Mr. Slade is puzzled about "anti-communism" being condemned in Methodist literature, let him understand that the clergy who write for us are not socialists, most of them are idealists. We must pray that rather than alienate this entire segment of Methodism who regard themselves as conservatives, that that clergy will enlighten themselves as to what conservatives believe and why they believe it. Just as our federal government is responsive to public opinion (we may write our president, senators and congressmen) so also may we write and influence the government of our church, making it responsive to the voice of the people in the church.

Mrs. Byron Wheeler Lake Placid

3 Florida Churches Among Leading Givers Of Advance Specials

Three Florida churches are among the 15 congregations of the Methodist Church which gave the most last year to Advance Specials for world missions.

The Rev. Ashton A. Almand, New York, former Floridian who now serves as treasurer of the Division of World Missions, reported that 25,000 of 39,000 Methodist churches contributed to the overseas missionary program of Methodism last year through Advance Specials.

As might be expected, he added, all of the top 15 churches are large congregations with substantial financial resources. He said smaller churches are often giving just as much in proportion to their means.

The three Florida churches and their rank among the 15 are: (3) First Church, Orlando, $30,865; (8) First Church, Coral Gables, $21,389; and (9) Christ Church, St. Petersburg, $21,243.

The leading church was Marvin Church in Tyler, Texas, with $63,601.

Algerians Begin Dying For Lack of Blankets

When he left Constantine, Algeria, on Dec. 10, a young American field worker for Church World Service reported that Algerians were already dying from the cold.

"We had received and rushed out 40,000 blankets," said Ross Orr. "That left 610,000 Algerian children and adults who still needed a blanket desperately."

"Each morning, bodies of these homeless people are found lying up against the outside wall of buildings, in bombed-out homes, or on the road . . . dead. I can't say how urgently we need blankets . . . along with food, medicine and other forms of assistance to these victims of seven years of civil war."

"If they can survive the cold," he continued, "we can reach them with food, medicine . . . and eventually with some form of shelter. We are using tents, make-shifts of any kind . . . but we need warm blankets in volume without delay."

Blankets may be sent to the Church World Service Center, 637 West 125 Street, New York 27, New York.

LIVE OUR FAITH—

Student Answers: What Can Today's Church Do for Youth?

By FRANK JOHNSON

I was asked to try to answer the question: "What should the Church do today to meet the needs of youth?"

First, we need to know just what the primary need of youth is. I believe it is Jesus Christ, and I think there are two things the Church can do to meet this need. (1) For the unchurched youth, we must teach the faith. (2) For churched youth, we must sustain their faith by maintaining fellowship within the Church.

Now let's consider teaching the faith to the unchurched youth. In the September, 1962, "family issue" of **Together** magazine there is an article entitled "How to teach your child about God." For our purpose, let us say that a teenaged youth without God is spiritually the same as a little child. This article which I mentioned was comprised of several letters, each written by a different person; and yet, each letter in one way or another said that the best way to teach a child about God is for the teacher, or parent, to live his own faith. This is what we individually, and collectively as a Church, must do—live our own faith.

God judges us and the Church by high standards, and so do youth. Unchurched youth look upon the Church as the reflection of God, but what they sometimes see isn't very God-like. For example, I once attended a Methodist church and was greeted by one of its members who had so much alcohol on his breath that it almost knocked me out. I am not debating whether drinking is unChristian or not; but I do know that drinking is unMethodist. It

Frank Johnson

has been the traditional stand of our church since the time of Wesley to be against anything that would hurt our influence as Christians or get our brains into such a state that we could not have a clear-head communion with our Lord and Saviour. I put my imagination to work and came up with this story as a possibility:

Supposing in the same community in which this particular Methodist church was located there was a teenager on the road to becoming an alcoholic. Now suppose this teenager decided one Sunday morning that he would attend this Methodist church because he believed that in a Methodist congregation he would find those who would aid him in fighting this problem. Now suppose this teenager was greeted by the same church member — with the alcohol on his breath — that greeted me. Think of the effect this greeting would have on this youth who was on the border-line between either possibly entering a Christian life or entering the living hell of an alcoholic. We in the Christian Church have a great responsibility placed upon us.

Youth today are looking for a dynamic Church. They want to see the Church changing society, instead of society changing the Church. For example, wouldn't it be wonderful if instead of the Church saying: "Oh-oh. I see the supreme court has ordered integration in the public schools; I guess we had better start teaching a little more brotherhood,"—that it could have been so well-grounded in the concepts of brotherhood that it would have been unnecessary for the supreme court to make such a ruling.

Another way the Church can witness to its faith in Christ is for it to realize that it cannot do today's job with yesterday's tools. The Church must realize that the Reformation goes on; the Reformation was not just a period of time somewhere between Martin Luther and John Wesley.

These, then, are a few ways the Church can witness to youth of its faith in God.

Now let's consider briefly how the Church can keep Christ alive in those youth who already attend church. I believe the Church can do this best by maintaining a close fellowship of the various parts of the Body of Christ.

During our MYF programs, youth have raised these points: That the MYF almost seems like a church within a church; that the MYF has it own programs and activities and sticks pretty much to itself, and the rest of the church has its own programs and activities and sticks pretty much to itself. We sing a hymn which says: "In Christ there is no East or West, In Him no South or North; But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth." If Christian love knows no limits of race or creed, then it also knows no limit of age. We youth who are starting out in our search for Christ need the fellowship of you adults who are farther along in your search for Him.

Youth Plans To Be a Minister

Frank L. (Todd) Johnson III has been attending Community Church, Daytona Beach, since cradle roll days. Now a freshman at University of South Florida, Tampa, he is on the University Religious Council as co-representative of the Wesley Foundation. He is president of a Sunday school class for college students at Temple Terrace Church, which he attends while at the university. Last summer he attended the Youth and Missions Conference at Lake Junaluska, N.C., on a scholarship from the DeLand District. After graduating from USF, he plans to enter the Candler School of Theology to prepare himself for the ministry. Frank was recruited to give the above talk to the Community Church WSCS by Mrs. Howard Anderson, its secretary of student work, who also teaches seniors in Sunday school. All 14 high school seniors in her class last year went on to college this year.

WE ASK YOU:

What is happening to Sunday?

- Are we losing all respect for the Lord's Day?
- Are we forgetting the social implication of Sunday in the family life of our community?
- Are we forgetting the role Sunday plays in the welfare of the working man and woman?

When retail stores start opening for business on Sunday, just as any other day, it endangers the most basic elements of our society—the observance of Sunday as a day of freedom! Freedom to worship, to rest and renew spiritual as well as physical energies, to strengthen social and family ties.

WE URGE YOU

WE URGE YOU to take a firm stand against this wave of economic hysteria.

WE URGE YOU to stop and think of its possible spread to other businesses and industries and its ultimate effect . . On You -- Your Families -- all of our people.

WE URGE YOU to refrain deliberately from shopping on Sunday and to give your business conscientiously each weekday to those stores which observe Sunday closing.

WE URGE YOU to preserve and strengthen this great American tradition. Keep Sunday as your day of worship and rest.

(This is a copy of a full page advertisement which appeared in all of the newspapers of Broward County. In this space at the bottom was listed the names of 18 members of the Ministers' Emergency Committee for Sunday Observance.)

Let's Keep Sunday a Day Apart

By PETER LAINE
Broward Bureau Chief
Miami Herald

MINISTERS WILL speak from the pulpit today against Sunday business, but the issue is not one that should be confined to the purview of the church.

It is a matter with which we should all be concerned, quite apart from the strong arguments on religious grounds.

What we are witnessing with every new Sunday is the spread of sameness.

A day of the week that has traditionally been set aside for mankind to recharge his rundown batteries is becoming more and more difficult to distinguish from all the others.

This kind of change is imperceptible but, like beach erosion, none the less real.

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WE SELDOM NOTICE that one business or type of business which was closed last Sunday is open the next.

But there are few of us in the over-21 group who can look back to our childhood days without wondering: Whatever happened to Sunday?

It's a valid argument that Sunday business is a convenience. But do we really want convenience at the expense of our ideals?

It's also true that money spent today will stimulate the economy. But would not most of this money be spent on other days if it had to be held today? And where do we draw the line in the hunt for a dollar?

This editorial appeared in the Broward County Edition of the MIAMI HERALD, Sunday, Dec. 2, 1962.

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IF WE LOOK BACK over the relatively brief span of a decade to the comparative quietude of Sundays then, it's alarming to project the imagination 10 years forward.

Who can say with assurance that any commercial venture will be closed?

No wonder the ministers are concerned. Not long ago, only church doors opened on Sunday.

Their lead is taken on moral grounds. Perhaps the psychologists can tell us of the mental staleness that may result if the day of rest disappears altogether.

(This editorial is reprinted here as an advertisement by the Mini sters' Emergency Committee for Sunday Observance, Broward County)

IN BROWARD COUNTY—

Threat of Open Stores on Sunday Spurs Opposition

A strong movement to curtail the growing trend toward business seven days per week is underway in Broward County. The Greater Fort Lauderdale Ministerial Assn. became concerned over the situation after learning from very reliable sources that all the major retail stores in Ft. Lauderdale were pondering a decision to open on Sunday.

The stores cite the competitive pressure of shopping centers and discount houses currently operating on Sunday. The prospect is that more businessmen and their employees will soon be confronted with making a choice between their freedom to worship and their right to survive.

Representatives of the Roman Catholic Church joined a large percentage of the area's Protestant ministers in the movement. The Rev. William W. Roughton, pastor of First Church, Ft. Lauderdale, is chairman of the group.

A similar movement is underway in Miami and Dade County, seeking through moral persuasion to create a climate of community concern that will protect Sunday as a day of worship and rest.

Organizations and churches in Broward County have been asked to endorse a resolution which commends those retailers who have remained closed on Sunday, appealing to those that are open to review their policy, and urging all citizens of the county to avoid unnecessary shopping on Sunday.

In Miami, the commission on Christian social concerns of Kendall Church followed up printed protests by the Miami Council of Churches with copies of a "pledge of abstention" mailed to each member of the church, urging that they be mailed to offending stores.

The pledge states:

"In the firm belief that it is in violation of Christian principles to commercialize the Sabbath Day; I hereby pledge that I will not shop in your establishment on that day. In addition; I pledge that I will give as much of my business as I possibly can to those establishments which are closed on Sunday.

"I am sure that there are those who join with me in these sentiments, and in order that you might be aware of our feeling, I join with them in mailing this notice to you."

Funds Stay at Home

Local Protestant churches in America spend four times as much for their own use as they do in "benevolences" for others, including world missions.

A stewardship report published by the National Council of Churches showed churches of 46 Protestant denominations retained 81 per cent of their funds during 1961 while passing along 19 per cent for "out-of-parish" causes.

News From The Churches

CHURCH HAS 'TRIPLE-HEADER'

Three big events in the life of the Boynton Beach Church took place Dec. 9. Bishop Henley and the Rev. Laurie Ray, West Palm Beach District superintendent, led in dedication of new church school buildings — built in 1959 — and the new parsonage, completed in November. At the same time they baptised the infant daughter of the parsonage family, the Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Stauffer. The new parsonage is on a corner lot, has four bedrooms, two baths, a separate dining room, a double car garage and central air conditioning and heating.

225 MEN ATTEND MEETING

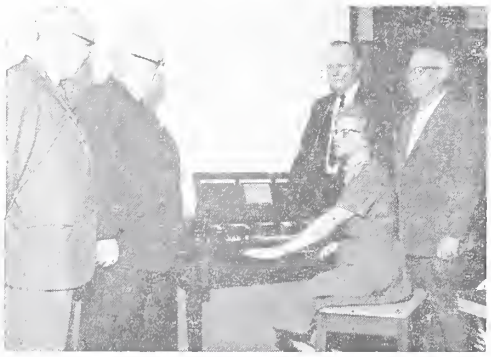
There were 225 present at the Nov. 29 meeting of the Orlando District Methodist Men at First Church, Orlando. Guest speaker was Justice Campbell Thornal of the Florida Supreme Court, who spoke on the subject: "Minimizing Religion."

'FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL'

Grace Church, Sanford, ushered in the season of Advent in a unique manner this year, holding a "Family Advent Festival" on Sunday, Dec. 2, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Each family selected a project of making decorations from a number that were on display. Following the workshop period was a sandwich supper and then a worship service and carol singing. Mrs. Karl Fehd directed planning of the event.

START SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Methodist Men of St. Cloud Church voted recently to provide $200 as a scholarship fund under the sponsorship of the church. The scholarships will be used to aid worthy young people in their college education.



. . . in daughter's honor

ORGAN DONATED TO CHURCH

Charlotte County School Superintendent and Mrs. W. S. Hancock have donated an organ to First Church, Punta Gorda, to be used in the new fellowship hall. It was given in honor of their daughter, Mrs. James Wilmot, a Methodist missionary in Karachi, West Pakistan. Participating in the recent dedication were (from left): The Rev. Russell A. Lenox, pastor; the Rev. Harry H. Waller, Sarasota District superintendent; Mr. and Mrs. Hancock; and Fred E. Jesty, chairman of the official board.

HOLDS 'LORD'S ACRE DAY'

The Lee Church celebrated its annual "Lord's Acre Day" Nov. 18 with the congregation bringing gifts totaling $1,414 to the altar following the sermon. The church's decorations, done by Mrs. R. W. McMullen and Mrs. Hugh Williams, were in keeping with the harvest season. The pulpit area was decorated with pines as background with beautifully colored oak and maple branches arranged among them. An altar table was covered with burlap with colorful fall fruits and vegetables arranged on it.

. . . Begins New Sanctuary

SOUTH MIAMI BREAKS GROUND

Breaking ground Nov. 25 on the new $350,000 sanctuary of First Church, South Miami, are (from left): George C. Gibbons, chairman of trustees; Edward G. Harris, building committee chairman; E. L. Cotton, trustee; the Rev. Ralph B. Huston, pastor; and Lon Worth Crow, Jr., board chairman.

ONE SERVICE — TWO BIG STEPS

First Church, Titusville, took two big forward steps in one service on Dec. 9. The sanctuary, constructed in 1954, was dedicated — signifying that it was debt-free; and then the congregation went outside to break ground on a new two-story, 18-classroom educational building. Those taking part in the service were the Rev. Ed Norman, pastor; William Scott, chairman of the trustees and building committee; Robert Linger, board chairman; John Raley, church school superintendent; William Sandusky, Methodist Men president; Mrs. J. C. Patterson, WSCS president; and Harry Sieman, Jr., MYF president

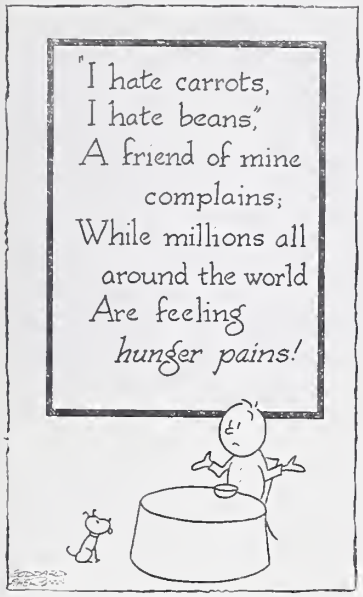
MYF MEMBERS REWARDED

Three MYF members who gave Commitment Sunday talks on "Alcoholism and its Effects" at First Church, DeLand, will have their expenses paid to the Leesburg MYF Camp next summer by the church's commission on Christian social concerns. Those receiving the award were Carol Clayton, Diane Wiseman and Richard Rintz.

EDUCATIONAL WORKER NAMED

O. D. Whittington, Jr., of Livingston, Texas, has been appointed educational assistant and director of youth work at First Church, Kissimmee. He will also organize and direct three youth choirs. The Rev. John A. Briley, pastor, said the 25-year-old youth worker is married to the former Nancy Hageman of New Smyrna Beach, who has also received college training in Christian education and church music.

The Sunny Soul



Missionaries Report Changes in Address

Two sets of Florida missionaries report a change in address with this year's Christmas letter.

After a year of separation from her husband because of the uncertainties in the Congo, Violet Hughlett will return with him to the Central Congo from Southern Rhodesia — where she has lived after fleeing from Elisabethville, Katanga, during the fighting there.

Their new address is: Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Hughlett, B.P. 226 M.M.C.C., Lodja, Republic of Congo of Leopoldville.

Gordon and Marium Christenen reported that they have been in New York City since September, although they were not originally scheduled to return from Okinawa until this month. He is studying theology and mass media at Union Theological Seminary.

Their address (to be changed again shortly) is: 55 Tieman Place, Apt. 31, New York 27, N.Y.

Moves To Bradenton

The Rev. T. Arthur Mosley, a retired Florida Conference minister, and his wife have moved from Winter Haven to Bradenton, where they live at 3608 16th Ave. W. He is father of Mrs. Thomas Glenn Mitchell, wife of the pastor at First Church, Bradenton.

Pastors' Conference Features Methodists

Methodists will play a major role in the Ninth Annual Florida Pastors' Conference conducted by the Florida Institute for Continuing University Studies, Division of General Extension.

The conference will be held at First Christian Church, Gainesville. It is sponsored by the state agency in cooperation with the department of religion at the University of Florida and the Florida Council of Churches.

Two of the three major speakers are Methodists. One is the Rev. Samuel A. Banks Jr., Gainesville, chaplain at the J. Hillis Miller Health Center, and the other is Dr. Waldo Beach, professor of Christian ethics at Duke Divinity School.

The other speaker is Dr. George A. Buttrick, a former Congregational and Presbyterian minister who has retired as professor of Christian morals at Harvard University and is serving as visiting professor at Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston.

Members of the Florida Conference participating in the program are the Rev. M. C. Cleveland, St. Petersburg, past president of Florida Council of Churches; the Rev. Jack A. Davis, Jacksonville, executive secretary, Florida Council of Churches; and the Rev. Fred L. Martin, Gainesville, president of Gainesville Ministerial Assn.

Chapin Henley Joins Florida Southern Staff

Chapin Henley has been appointed to the staff of Florida Southern College as admissions counselor, it was announced by President Charles T. Thrift, Jr.

He will be responsible to William B. Mundy, director of admissions, and assist in the recruitment and interviewing of prospective students.

Henley

A native of Chattanooga, Tenn., he received his A.B. degree at Vanderbilt University in 1960 and has completed two years of graduate study at Emory University's Candler School of Theology.

He is the son of Bishop and Mrs. James W. Henley, Jacksonville.

CALENDAR

Jan. 6—Family Prayer Sunday.

Jan. 7—Board of Missions, Methodist Building. Lakeland, 10 a.m.

Jan. 11-13—School on Sex Morals, Methodist Youth Camp.

Jan. 15-17—Bishop and Cabinet meet in Lakeland.

Jan. 26-27—Mid-year meeting, executive committee, Conference Board of Lay Activities. Sarasota.

Jan. 27—World Service Sunday in the Church School.

The First Church, Pompano Beach, sanctuary—erected at a cost of $300,000 — was dedicated Dec. 9. It was built during the pastorate of the Rev. John M. Sikes. Ground was broken in 1956 and the consecration service was held Jan. 5, 1958.

The three men pictured above discussing the program of the UN Seminar in Tampa are (from left) Dr. Frederick J. Horrigan of the University of South Florida; the Rev. George G. Hill, minister of world affairs at Palma Ceia Church; and the Rev. Leslie Hayman, Methodist minister from New Zealand, one of the guest resource leaders for the seminar. At right are members of the World Understanding Team who appeared in a panel discussion, (from left) Mrs. Lydia Zimonte, pastor and teacher, Southern Rhodesia; Miss Suma Kaisi, teacher, Tanganyika; and Mrs. Christina Onosanya, social welfare officer, Nigeria

AT TAMPA—

Regional Seminar Emphasizes UN Economic, Social Programs

One of the most noteworthy things to come out of the United Nations Seminar held in Tampa Dec. 3-4 was a new realization that the great bulk of the UN's work is in the economic and social area rather than in political conflicts.

The Rev. George Hill, minister of world affairs at the host Palma Ceia Church and co-chairman of the 15-member planning committee, said much of the discussion centered on the UN's creative program in channeling the "revolution of rising expectations" in previously underdeveloped continents of the world.

"It is in this work, rather than in the highly-publicized political wrangles, that the UN devotes most of its efforts, and demonstrates its great value," he said.

The regional seminar, one of 20 held in the U.S., was sponsored jointly by the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions and the Division of Peace and World Order of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Mrs. Raymond S. White, immediate past president of the Tampa District Woman's Society and member of the conference Board of Christian Social Concerns, was the other co-chairman of the planning committee.

Among the Floridians acting as discussion leaders and resource persons were: Mrs. Adella Langill, St. Petersburg, secretary of American Friends Service Committee; the Rev. Richard E. England, pastor, St. Paul's Methodist Church; State Rep. Robert T. Mann, Tampa District lay leader; Mark Dunnell, president, Tampa Chapter, AAUN; Dr. Robert W. Heywood, assistant professor of history, University of South Florida; the Rev. Edwin S. Davis, pastor, Temple Terrace Church; Mrs. Howard Anderson, Daytona Beach secretary of Christian social relations, WSCS; Mrs. J. Burt Bouwman, St. Petersburg; Mrs. Randolph Strout, St. Petersburg, public relations chairman, St. Petersburg Chapter, AAUN; Mrs. David Thurman, president, Florida Conference WSCS; the Rev. T. Newton Wise, pastor, First Church, Plant City; the Rev. Jiles Kirkland, pastor, Manhattan Avenue Church; and Mrs. Hugh S. Prince, past president of United Church Women, Tampa area; Dr. Frederick J. Horrigan, assistant professor of political science, University of South Florida; and Mrs. Mark Dunnell, Tampa League of Women Voters.

The Rev. C. Durward McDonell, Tampa District superintendent, and the Rev. Paul J. Wagner, host pastor, led worship services to open each day of the two-day program.

A quota of 100 persons, most of them either chairmen of commissions on Christian social concerns and Christian social relation or pastors, was filled. One evening meeting was open to the public.

Workshop sessions considered the following topics: What are the barriers to peace in the world at home and abroad?; financing the UN; colonialism; are the background and potentialities of the UN understood?; what is the Christian approach to world need and to the UN, also UNICEF?; the regional and economic commissions of the UN; agencies for providing capital for development; technical assistance; and how the community can use its resources for understanding the UN.

A Methodist Student Citizenship Seminar was held in Tampa concurrently, and students were included in the workshop sessions. Assisting in the joint planning were Miss Eulalie Ginn, conference director of student and adult work; Miss Shirley Jackman, a junior at University of South Florida; Mr. England, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Tampa; and Mr. Davis, pastor of Temple Terrace Church.

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Defeat comes not so much from physical effects, as from a state of mind which makes men reduce or cease their efforts.

—GEN. CHARLES P. SUMMERALL

FORT DRUM METHODIST CHURCH

New Church Established at Fort Drum Despite Skepticism -- Why Not Elsewhere?

By Henry W. Blackburn
Executive Secretary, Church Extension

Less than two years ago, the writer mentioned at a quarterly conference that he was planning to organize a new church in Fort Drum, a little community on Highway 441, about 20 miles from Okeechobee.

A layman in the group laughed, and said, "I used to go hunting in that area; I didn't know there were any people there." A man who lived in Fort Drum had previously said to one of our pastors: "I've lived in this community for 18 years, and no one has preached the gospel here yet!" So, this pastor, the Rev. V. J. Ragsdale of Okeechobee, got busy and looked for a place where the gospel could be preached. The only place he could find was a little shed in the cemetery!

With due notice, your scribe agreed to preach there on a certain Sunday morning. There were 12 persons present that day and they voted to organize a church. We received them into the newly formed fellowship. Within six months they had secured a gift of 1½ acres on the highway in the center of the community, had erected an attractive building on their land and provided the necessary furniture.

By the time the district superintendent returned, he found as many young people in the choir as there had been worshippers in the congregation at the initial service, and a congregation of 40, who asked for a loan to enable them to extend the building to care for a growing Sunday School!

We found that there were 200 people living within a radius of five miles of the church, and we have had as many as 75 of them in the church at one time! Since organization, the worship services have been provided by local preachers from the Okeechobee Church, under the guidance of the First Church pastor.

It would be interesting to know how many "Fort Drum's" there are in our growing state — little communities needing their own church!

Will you look about you and report such places to your district superintendent? Then will you join him in creating an interest in organizing a church to give the gospel to the people who otherwise might not hear it?

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Me And My Bible

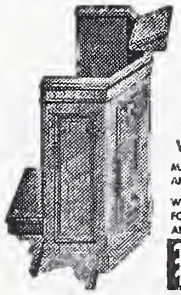
By MRS. ED FERRELL

Do you have your "forgetter" well-oiled for the new year, as well as your horn? Get it out and have it ready for use every day in 1963.

We must learn to forget if we are to be happy. Unhappiness comes out of remembering the wrong things. Resentments and loss of efforts result in not learning how to forget. We must forget our mistakes and sins; furthermore, we must forget the things others do to us, real or imagined, that are wrong or hurt us.

Forget the child's behavior that has hurt; forget the indifference of a trusted friend; forget the sin you have committed — but be sure not to do it again. This is the only way we can live effectively. We must continually forget and try again.

Each new day, as each new year, we should begin by saying with Paul: "Forgetting those things that are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:13-14.



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MANY 'PUT DOWN ROOTS'—

Permanent Program Needed for Cuban Refugees

More than 400 Cuban refugees now attend special Sunday worship services conducted in Spanish at six Methodist churches in Miami.

The extra services are conducted by displaced Cuban ministers who are now serving as associate pastors at the churches which sponsor programs for the exiles.

In addition to worship services, Methodist Youth Fellowship groups, Woman's Society of Christian Service circles, classes in English, and cooking schools to familiarize Cuban women with American foods are available to the refugees.

Other aspects of the Methodist program include emergency relief, job counseling, scholarships for 20 Cuban youth at Methodist colleges, placement of 30 children in foster homes by the Latin American Center of the WSCS, and the resettlement of families in other cities.

The overall program embraces the efforts of the Florida Conference, the General Board of Missions, and the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

What was hastily organized as an emergency program when Cubans started fleeing to Florida may become a permanent program in the Miami district.

This was the consensus of members of the Florida Conference's Committee on Cuban Work who met in Miami recently to review the program.

It was pointed out that since there is no immediate hope of an early return to their homeland, more and more of the Cuban refugees are putting down roots in Florida. Some have obtained fair jobs and their children are becoming Americanized.

In addition to Cubans, the many Puerto Ricans and other Latin Americans living in the Miami area add to the need for a permanent program.

"The Florida Conference alone cannot adequately support the long-range program that is needed — we need a definite program and a definite budget," Bishop Henley told the group.

Most of the money now financing the program comes from churches in Florida and other conferences in the Southeastern Jurisdiction. Their gifts are a "National Special" earmarked for "Ministry to Cubans in Florida."

The Rev. Ernest V. May, director of city work for the Division of National Missions, attended the meeting as a consultant of the Board of Missions.

He predicted that the federal government will seek to extend the resettlement of Cubans to other cities across the country in an effort to relieve the over-concentration in Florida.

Commenting on the local program, he said: "We are dealing with persons and should try to integrate them into our regular church program as soon as possible."

The Rev. George A. Foster, Miami district superintendent, reviewed the local program and presented the Cuban pastors, who reported on the work among their congregations.

"We are very grateful to God and to our Methodist Church for helping us in this emergency," one of the pastors said.

MYF Units To Join In Vigil for Peace

The Florida Conference MYF has been assigned from 11 o'clock until 11:20 p.m. on Jan. 19 as part of a nationwide MYF prayer vigil for peace on that day.

MYF groups in each conference have been assigned 20 minutes. The National MYF Conference expressed the hope that each MYF will participate in the vigil — adding to the bond of fellowship and unity that exists among Methodist youth in the nation and helping them to realize the prominent part prayer plays in international life.

Baker

Outler

Emory Picks Speakers For Ministers' Week

The Rev. Eric Baker, past president of British Methodism, and Dr. Albert Outler of Perkins School of Theology, SMU, will be the principal speakers at Emory University's 29th annual Ministers' Week, Jan. 21-25.

The British theologian is the author of six books, including **The Neglected Factor,** soon to be published. In 1958 he wrote: **The Faith of a Methodist.** He was Cambridge Select Preacher in 1960. He has been a delegate to the World Methodist Council and to assemblies of the World Council of Churches.

Mr. Outler is a frequent lecturer at universities. He taught at Duke, Yale and Union Theological Seminary before going to SMU. He is author of several books including **The Christian Tradition and The Unity We Seek.**

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Deaths

The Rev. Thomas W. Carlton

The Rev. Thomas Wright Carlton, 71, Lake Helen, retired Florida Conference minister and the father of the Rev. Bascom Carlton, died Dec. 18 while en route to a DeLand hospital. He was born and reared at Bowling Green and later served its church. His pastorates before he retired in 1952 were: Pahokee, 1921; Bartow mission, 1922; Boca Grande, 1923; Highland City, 1926; Safety Harbor, 1928; Ocoee and Zellwood, 1930; Reeves and Zellwood, 1932; Manatee, 1933; Ellenton, 1936; Bowling Green, 1940; Williston, 1945; Oak Grove, Tampa, 1946-52. Survivors besides his son are his wife, Mrs. Pernie Carlton; a daughter, Mrs. Max Runge of Tampa; two brothers, A. Y. Carlton and J. G. Carlton of Old Miakka; two sisters, Mrs. Dora Flanders of Bartow and Mrs. Pauline Knight of Sarasota.

Mrs. Grace Patterson

Mrs. Grace Susannah Ryder Patterson, widow of the Rev. Finley J. Patterson, died Dec. 11 in Lake Wales after a long illness. Mrs. Patterson had been associated with Florida Methodism all her life, being the daughter of the Rev. Isaac Ryder, pioneer Methodist minister in Florida. She is survived by two daughters, Miss Annette Patterson of Lake Wales and Mrs. Milton M. Klein of New York City.

Mrs. Cora G. Dewhirst

Mrs. Cora Grace Dewhirst, 81, Lakeland, died Dec. 16 after a long illness. She recently ended a three-year term as president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She moved to Lakeland 10 years ago from Bloomington, Ill., and was a member of First Church, Lakeland. Among her survivors is her husband, the Rev. Guy Dewhirst, a retired Methodist minister.

Mr. Frank B. Knoff

Mr. Frank B. Knoff, 85, Winter Haven, died Dec. 14. He served as treasurer of Beymer Memorial Church for 36 years and as a teacher of the Men's Bible Class for many years. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Verna B. Knoff; one daughter, Mrs. R. D. (Lillian) Rittgers of Tampa; two sons, Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, who is executive secretary of the Department of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, and Roger F. Knoff of Atlanta.

Two pairs of host pastors discuss evangelistic services with Mrs. E. V. Davies of Malaya while they are together at the Lakeland District Conference. From left are: The Rev. R. E. Rutland, Jr. and the Rev. Ben Blackburn of College Heights, Lakeland; Mrs. Davies; the Rev. McCoy Gibbs and the Rev. Donald Bain, Morrison Memorial, Leesburg.

3 Churches Hear Outstanding Malayan Woman In 'Mission to America' Evangelistic Program

Churches in Miami Springs, Lakeland and Leesburg experienced "missions in reverse" recently through the presence of Mrs. E. V. Davies, president of the Malaya Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and president of the Singapore YMCA.

Mrs. Davies was one of 10 outstanding overseas Methodists who are participating in the church's "Mission to America" program. She is a laywoman and wife of the former head of the government schools in Singapore.

The "Mission to America" program is sponsored by the Division of World Missions of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and the General Board of Evangelism in the hopes that the witness of these outstanding overseas Methodists might lead Americans to a deeper devotion to the cause of Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Davies led revival services at the Miami Springs Church; College Heights, Lakeland; and in Leesburg she preached three nights at Morrison Memorial Church, one night at Christ Church and one night at nearby Fruitland Park Church.

The Miami District WSCS sponsored the revival service at the Miami Springs Church on Dec. 14 when Mrs. Davies' topic was "This Thing Called Love," based on I Corinthians, 13.

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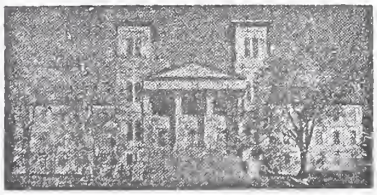

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By C. M. COTTON
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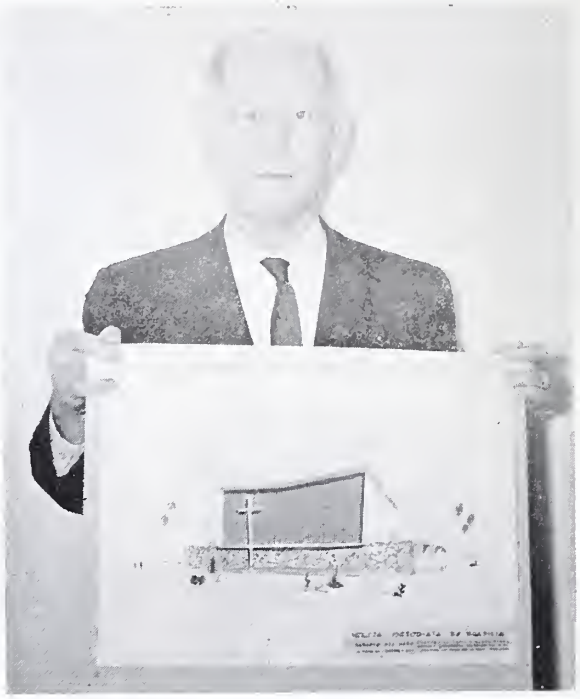
This city is, of course, the new capital of Brazil, and we Methodists are on the ground floor—along with several other denominations. The government has given several churches the land for buildings, right in the midst of thousands of people living in modern apartment buildings.

Where we are located, they are called the "Popular Apartments," which means it doesn't cost as much to live there as in one of the swankier type. But "people" are our concern.

The Rev. Kenneth Traxler, God's good man and missionary to Brazil, from Florida, will be appointed to this church this month. It will take about $40,000 to provide this building. We have a nice "start" toward the goal by way of the district conference missionary offerings, some $2,500. Let's share the balance out of our bounty by the meeting of our Annual Conference.

We have the money, we love the Lord and His Church, we love Ken Traxler, let's do it . . . And, by the way, Ken thinks we ARE going to do it.



The Rev. C. M. Cotton holds a drawing of the proposed new Methodist Church in Brasilia, where Florida Missionary Kenneth Traxler will be assigned this month.

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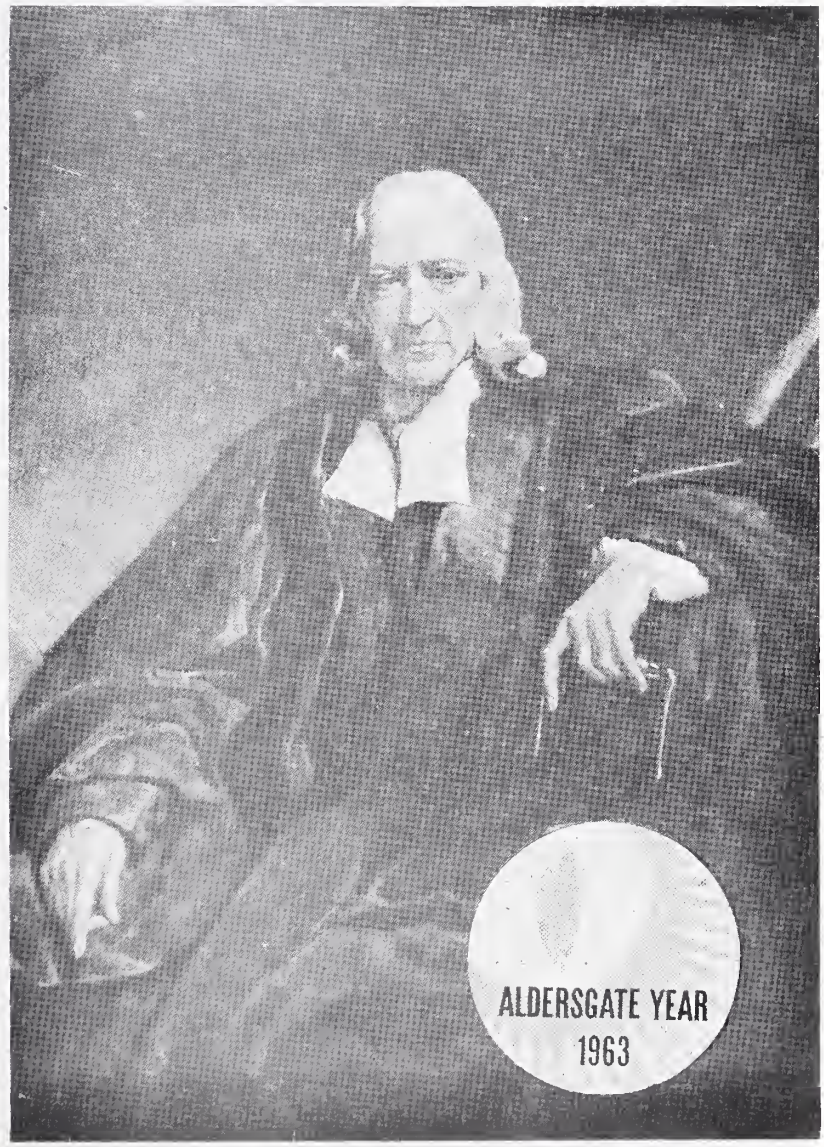

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The Bishop Calls—

Dear Readers of the Florida Methodist:

We begin a new year together which, throughout Methodism, is to be observed as the 225th Anniversary of John Wesley's Aldersgate Experience. It was in a prayer meeting, along with a small group of Moravian people, that John Wesley "felt his heart strangely warmed." There is no doubt but what he experienced a new birth. Spiritual forces began to move through him with such power that all England felt the impact of his spiritual awakening. Not only would he never be the same again — the world would never be the same again. His experience was not unlike that of the disciples on the day of Pentecost. Wesley never professed to being able to explain how Christ's death has become the source of our reconciliation with God. Neither did he attempt to explain the miracle of salvation. He humbly confessed "it is true that I can not more comprehend it than his lordship, Lord Huntington; perhaps I might say than the angels of God, than the highest created understanding. Our reason is here quickly bewildered. If we attempt to expatiate in this field, we 'find no end in wandering mazes lost'."

Mr. Wesley stressed the fact throughout his ministry that every man stands in desperate need of the transformation which is wrought through faith in Christ. In one of his sermons, for instance, he admonished his hearers: "Only beware thou do not deceive thy own soul, with regard to the nature of faith. It is not, as some have fondly conceived, a bare assent to the truth of the Bible, of the Articles of our Creed, or of all that is contained in the Old and New Testaments. The devils believe this, as well as I or you! And yet they are devils still. But it is, over and above this, a sure trust in the mercy of God, through Christ Jesus. It is a confidence in a pardoning God. It is a divine evidence of conviction that "God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing to them their 'former trespasses'; and in particular, that the Son of God hath loved me, and given Himself for me; and that I, even I, am now reconciled to God by the blood of the cross."

John Wesley was tremendously concerned with education and with social reform. The Methodist Church, which grew out of his evangelical efforts, has always been involved in furthering education and in sponsoring and supporting social reforms. However, these were the outgrowth and manifestation of the Aldersgate Experience. They are no substitutes for it. During this year every Methodist family is being brought face to face with the Wesley of Aldersgate, when we shall seek a deepening of our religious experiences, that the Holy Spirit may have His way in us. We shall seek to declare the good tidings of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus to everyone about us.

These next weeks are to be weeks of evangelism within the several districts of the Florida Conference. The Methodist Church is responsible under God to win men and women, boys and girls, by the thousands to the fellowship of Christ and the comradeship of His Church. Every Methodist preacher is expected to make this his primary concern. Every Commission on Membership and Evangelism is called to exert its finest talents, its devout prayers, its unwearied efforts to the end that Aldersgate will be a contemporary experience for all Methodist people.

May God bless you every one.

Sincerely,
JAMES W. HENLEY

Evangelistic Program Challenges Us To Seek Out Aldersgate Experience

By M. McCOY GIBBS

Aldersgate is actually the birthday of The Methodist Church. It denotes the time and place when John Wesley found a vital religious faith through an experience of the presence of Christ. John Wesley tells us about it in his Journal: "In the evening I went unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street where one was reading Luther's Preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation and an assurance was given me, that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death." (From John Wesley's Journal, as abridged by Nehemias Curnock, London: The Epworth Press, 1958, p. 51).

It has been the desire of Methodism from Wesley's Aldersgate experience to our day, that this experience continue in the lives of Methodist Christians. We must trust in Christ alone, for our salvation. It is spiritual pilgrimage which must be made by all who would know the power of faith through Christ.

Our conference program of evangelism this year challenges us to seek out this experience, "to seek new life in Christ and the Church, and to witness out of a heart-warming experience that Jesus Christ is Lord."

Let me remind you of some of the major emphases of the program for the remainder of the Conference Year.

The Rev. M. McCoy Gibbs is pastor of Morrison Memorial Church, Leesburg. As executive secretary of the Board of Evangelism, he spearheaded the planning for the Florida Conference observance of Aldersgate Year.

1. Series of Sermons on Book of Romans.
2. Bible Study of Book of Romans.
3. District-Wide "New Life Meetings."
4. Membership training classes, classes to be received on Palm Sunday or Easter.
5. Aldersgate Sunday—May 19.
6. Special Aldersgate service on Aldersgate Day, May 24.

It is the sincere prayer of your Conference Board of Evangelism, that as we go through this great Aldersgate experience that the Lord will do it again for us.

Small Group Evangelism Proves Effective in Presenting Gospel

By LEWIS N. HEAD

"To call Methodists, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to seek New Life in Christ and the Church and to witness out of a heart-warming experience that Jesus Christ is Lord." This is declared to be our purpose as we move into this Aldersgate Year of 1963. As we begin this observance of the 225th Anniversary of John Wesley's Aldersgate Experience, we believe we can have a New Life in Christ only as we experience in our own life the strange warming of the heart as did John Wesley.

As Dr. Lawrence Lacour has said, "We can't go back to the 'good old days' in our revivalism. While the essence of the Gospel never changes, the presentation of it must be adapted to the new man we face today, a man who lives in an age unlike any other in history." It is out of this analysis that there is an emergence of a new concept in evangelism known as Group Evangelism, or more specifically, "Small Group Evangelism."

Small Group Evangelism is just what the phrase suggests, namely the bringing together of people in small groups for the purpose of prayer, meditation, and the relating of people to Jesus Christ in a real, vital and authentic way that makes a difference in their lives. "The Twelve" was born out of this concept, but Small Group Evangelism need not, and must not, be limited to "The Twelve."

These groups may be already existing groups within the church, such as Methodist Men, circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, or they may be new, informal groups, meeting as a Prayer Breakfast at the church or some private room in a downtown restaurant; a "coffee-break" group meeting weekly (or daily during the New Life meetings) in business centers or the office of one of the members; mothers' groups meeting at the church; youth groups meeting at any time convenient for the individuals involved. These groups can be as small as three or four in attendance and should not be more than

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For Modern Man

The Rev. Lewis Head, pastor of Park Temple Church, Fort Lauderdale, is chairman of the Conference Board of Evangelism. He believes Small Group Evangelism is one of the most effective means of reaching the people of today.

Small Groups Prove Effective Means for Presenting Gospel

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12 to 14 in number unless it is one of the organized groups suggested above.

At these meetings time should be given for prayer and meditation and the sharing of experiences. If possible, the pastor should meet with these groups and present the claims of Christ to the individuals, to give opportunity for renewal of faith or first-time decisions for Christ.

One of the most effective groups can be a young couple's group meeting out in "Mortgage Manor." Let this group meet and discuss these four questions:

1. **Why did you join First Church and don't you think other people would join for the same reason?**
2. **What is this church doing that you like?**
3. **What are we doing we ought not be doing and what are we failing to do which we ought to be doing?**
4. **What does Christ mean to you and have you told someone else?**

We further suggest, during the week of the New Life Meetings you might want to have small groups meeting after the services each evening, either at the church or again out in "Mortgage Manor." Invite young couples or other age groups to meet for prayer and discussion of the message of the evening. Make sure, however, that there is always a confrontation of Christ by the group and opportunity for decision.

We particularly recommend the use of the film "Conversion Plus" with these small groups. This is a new 40-minute color film just released by the General Board of Evangelism and highly recommended by your Conference Board. It is especially recommended for showing to a group where it is possible for discussion and time for decision to follow the presentation. Contact your district superintendent or district secretary of evangelism for further information.

New Life will come to the Methodist Church and to individuals called "Methodists" when we seek a depth of evangelism that reaches upward toward God and outward toward others; when we are willing to make as our prayer the words of the visitor to the historic room in Aldersgate St., "Lord, Do It Again." This can be done most effectively through Small Group Evangelism

EDITORIAL—

New Life or Slow Death

Our Lord did not call us to build a great church or great men, but He did command us to win souls to His Kingdom. No matter what we accomplish in other fields, our real success or failure as a church rests upon this all-important criteria.

It is doubly tragic, then, when we realize that while—
we are blessed with capable leadership, fine colleges and many beautiful churches;
Methodists occupy positions of trust, respect and leadership in their communities, the nation, and the world;
our accomplishments in countless areas of service are acclaimed as noteworthy;
at such a time we see that Methodism is slipping in terms of evangelism.

We here in the Florida Conference lead the church in membership additions. And yet, in all honesty, we must confess that our record is based more on the number of people moving into our state than on our spiritual power.

Elsewhere in the U.S., where the population is not growing as rapidly as in Florida, Methodism is barely holding its own. This trend is not confined to our denomination. The National Council of Churches reported recently that for the first time in 100 years the percentage of church members in the nation's population actually registered a decrease during 1961.

The further we progress into the 1960's, the clearer it becomes that the religious revival of the 1950's has halted. Secularism is engulfing our nation, and our churches — as we know them — are faced with the alternative: New Life or Slow Death.

Therefore, it is quite fitting that our goal for the 225th Anniversary of Aldersgate is not to "commemorate" John Wesley's heart-warming experience but to "recapture" it. The basis of 20th Century Aldersgate lies solely in our response to three vital questions that have confronted Christians individually and collectively since our faith was born:

Do we, in the midst of a strife-torn world, deny the sinful nature of man?

Do we, despite the evidence of Aldersgate and Pentecost, doubt the power of the Holy Spirit to transform the lives of those who confess their sins and place their trust for salvation in Jesus Christ—and in Him alone?

Do we dare claim this salvation for ourselves without feeling an overpowering compulsion to share it with others?

Wesley's heart-warming experience on Aldersgate St. brought new life to religion in the 18th Century. Let us in Florida now join Methodists everywhere in praying: "Lord, do it again."

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WITNESSES NEEDED — NOT SPECTATORS

Personal Evangelism Is Everyone's Job -- Not Just Ministers

By ROBERT D. BLEDSOE

Dr. D. T. Niles, the English preacher, says: "Evangelism is one beggar telling another where to get bread." We believe that Christ is the "Bread of Life." He has met our hunger. We feel compelled to tell other folks about it.

Personal evangelism is not just for the minister. It is not a professional function but a personal privilege. The minister is afforded many opportunities and has a "know how" that the average layman does not have. But the laymen have opportunities that the minister will never have. The minister and laymen must coordinate their efforts to be effective.

Every Christian is called to express his faith through his daily life. Our faith must be demonstrated. Our deeds say more than our words. What we say and what we are must be the same if we are to be effective.

All of us are involved in giving a witness whatever our status or job in life. As Christians we should make the Christian life attractive. If we want Christ to make a difference in the lives of others we need to show that He has made a difference in our lives. Make no mistake, the non-Christian is quick to spot a phony! There is no place for pious platitudes. Our witness must be as natural and real when we speak about our religious experiences as we talk about other experiences. Our testimony must be in our own words and in our own way.

Personal evangelism is effective in our day. This does not mean that mass evangelism is finished. In mass evangelism people come to us. In personal evangelism we go to the people. Personal evangelism is "of the people, by the people and for the people." It is more than just mastering a few sales techniques. We do not go out to ask folks to buy a product but to commit themselves. We go into the homes and lives of people, meeting on mutual ground, and sharing our beliefs.

There are folks in every community who are waiting to be led to a more abundant life through Christ. The decisive factor is rooted in our personal relationship to God. From this relationship will stem the ability to see that a person needs God and a willingness to tell him what Christ has done for us.

I believe it is impossible to list a set of rules for effective personal evangelism. The only way I know to do it is to **pray**, asking God to help you, **visit**, doing the best you can with every individual situation, and **work hard**, asking God to bless your efforts. However, I would like to offer some "guiding principles."

The Rev. Robert D. Bledsoe, pastor of First Church, Haines City, is one of the outstanding young ministers in the Florida Conference. He is secretary of the Board of Evangelism. In this article he poses two soul-searching questions on which the success of personal evangelism hinges.

1. Let people feel comfortable and free in your presence. Do not embarrass them.
2. Never pressure. Try to lead folks, not drive and push. Let the person set his own pace and make his own decision.
3. Be careful of a"Holier Than Thou" or "Let Me Tell You Something" attitude. Let God's love and concern be shown through your contacts.
4. Feel free to refer folks to your pastor. Do not bluff your way. If you do not know the answer, admit it.
5. Honestly face the problems, reasons and excuses of people without getting sidetracked. We have nothing to hide and we are not by ourselves. The Holy Spirit goes with us.
6. Avoid the fear of failure. All of Jesus' contacts were not successful. Work and leave the results to God.
7. Keep working at it. Be systematic and consistent. One more visit might be the time.
8. Ask folks to become Christians and be a part of the church. It may be on the first visit or it might take several, but this is the purpose of your visit.
9. Present Christ as the Saviour who can meet personal needs. Tell folks how He met your needs and how He became real in your life.
10. Share your personal experiences. This is "first hand information." It is the kind that makes the impact. Folks want to know what God has done for us. Don't brag on yourself. Give God credit for what He has done for and through you.

When all is said and done, personal evangelism hinges on two soul-searching questions:

1. Do you have a personal religious experience with Christ to share with others?

2. Do you honestly believe that a person without Christ is lost?

God is not a luxury for a few but a necessity for all. If we are to win the world to Christ, a good place to begin is where you live with the people you know!

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Church School Enrollment Falls Far Short Of Its Potential, Needs Our Genuine Support

By R. IRA BARNETT

Someone has said that it is a sin for any church school to be less than it can be. Is ours what it should be?

The church school enrollment always ought to be much larger than the church membership roll. The nursery department welcomes the babe at birth, and from that time on he has a place in the church school. None of us ever grow beyond the need for our church's educational ministry. And yet, in the Florida Conference our church school enrollment is only two-thirds the size of our church membership.

Woodrow Wilson once said: "The Sunday school lesson of today is the code of morals of tomorrow."

The brilliant DeToqueville, about to take leave from our shores, declared: "I sought in vain for America's greatness until I went into her Sunday schools; then I understood why France is a slave and America is free." The potentialities of the church school for transforming individual lives and determining the character of nations is immeasurable.

If the church school is to live up to this potential, it must enlist the skills of the ablest men and women of the community. Why are so many adolescents lost to the church school? Why don't we seem to win and hold adults? Only a genuine educational program, backed up with the best in promotional and administrative efficiency, can meet the church's educational needs.

Certainly, every church school should determine and expect to win every pupil — old and young — to an acceptance of Christ as Saviour, and to a complete commitment to Him as Lord of Life.

All consciousness is motor. Every idea is an impulse to action. We tend to become what we do. Jesus told us that if we would know His doctrine we must will to do it. He was constantly talking about fields and gardens and vineyards and marketplaces as He emphasized the importance of service to God. Our privilege as church school leaders is to help all those under our tutelage into places of significant participation in the work of God.

Superintendents, counselors, teachers, I exhort you: Give yourselves to your work realizing that there may be in your church school now a John Wesley, who will claim the world as his parish; a Florence Nightingale, who will someday bind up broken limbs and bandage gaping wounds; a Beethoven, who will touch again the world's harpstrings; an Albert Schweitzer, who will teach us the real meaning of service; or a John Branscomb, who will inspire the church to a new missionary passion and purpose.

We All Need the Church School

The Rev. R. Ira Barnett served as executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education from 1928 until he retired in 1949. He has continued to manifest great interest in the church school during his very active retirement and is frequently called upon to serve as a leader at Christian Workers' Schools.

Adequate Advance Preparation, Teamwork in Seeking Out Prospects,

How To Do It

The Rev. Milton Wyatt is executive secretary of the Board of Education. He offers some valuable pointers for evangelism in the church school.

By MILTON H. WYATT

If I were starting from scratch to help develop a program of evangelism in the church school, I would begin by reading and studying the excellent materials on evangelism which are readily available free of charge from Lakeland or Nashville. And, too, I would encourage the members of the commission on education to do the same.

In order for a planning group to function at its best, the members of the group need to bring to the common task as much understanding and pertinent information as possible. Planning sessions as a rule are fruitful in proportion to the advance preparation made for them on the part of each individual participating.

Assuming that the members of the commission on education have prepared themselves for working on a plan of evangelism for the church school, I would concentrate on building a program around the following fundamental concerns:

(1) **How to Increase Enrollment and Attendance** — The role of the membership cultivation superintendent should be fully explored. The Membership Cultivation Manual (8312-BC-20 cents) defines his role and stresses the importance of organizing a team of membership workers who will continually seek out prospects and follow-up absentees.

(2) **Records** — Good records are needed in order for the administrative staff of the church school and the team of membership workers to know what the score is from Sunday to Sunday. Surely ways and means can be devised whereby valuable infor-

Do We Seek Out Newcomers, or Do They Find Us

By HARRY DENMAN

Congratulations to the Florida Annual Conference on its net gain in church membership for the Conference Year 1961-62. You led the entire Methodist Church. This is good, and we are happy about it.

Why were you able to do this? May I suggest two reasons. First, the percentage of your population increase is greater than that of any other state in the nation. People are moving to Florida. Second, you are organizing new churches. This I believe is the best method of evangelism for a conference having a population increase.

However, may I ask this question: Do the Methodist churches of Florida have the evangelistic initiative, or do the people who come to Florida?

A Presbyterian pastor in Florida said to me: "If I had a district superintendent and a bishop, I would have a Methodist church because I have so many former Methodists in it."

Do the newcomers attend our churches on their own volition, or do we seek them? Suppose I went to Florida and failed to attend church. How long would it be before a Methodist would come to my home and give me a gracious invitation to Christ and His church?

Suppose I were a drunkard, or suppose I were just released from prison, or suppose I were on relief. How long would it take a Methodist to find me and witness to me about Christ and His power to help me become a new person?

I do not read in the New Testament that Jesus ever commissioned His disciples to wait for the people to come to them. His commission was go, teach; and go, witness.

The Methodist Church is engaged in many studies. We are saying that we must go deeper, that we must have depth. I believe The Methodist Church needs more outreach than it does a greater depth. But perhaps we would have greater depth, too, if we had outreach—because we would be obeying the command of the living Christ.

How wide is the outreach of The Methodist Church in Florida? Do we **reach out** for all classes of persons, or just for one class? The Nazarene Church has this printed theme: "If you love, you will visit." I am not sure we shall have more depth until we reach out in love for all persons and witness to them about our Saviour and His power to save from sin.

Sin — disobedience to god — is destroying persons. Sin is destroying nations, the United States among them.

The living Christ needs a **body** in your community. He gave up His flesh in order that He might live in our flesh. He gave up His audible voice in order that He might speak through the voices of men and women.

Let us pray daily that The Methodist Church in Florida will be composed of consecrated men and women in whom the living Christ makes His abode. Let us pray daily that their voices may be instruments through which His message of love and redemption is proclaimed to all persons who need Him as their Saviour.

The Driving Force

Dr. Harry Denman is general secretary of the General Board of Evangelism. He is the driving force throughout Methodism for this Aldersgate Year of Evangelism and solicits the daily prayers of each one of us for himself and this crucial undertaking.

Needed in Church School Along With Good Evangelistic Teaching

nation can be passed on to the membership cultivation superintendent to help him and his team in following up absentees. A "General Secretary's Handbook in the Methodist Church School" (8299-BC) is available at 40 cents a copy from Box 78, Lakeland.

(3) **Improved Teaching** — Good teaching is the heartbeat of our program of Christian education. It is good teaching that gives real purpose to our coming together as a church school. To insure good teaching, we must give attention to developing a long-range teacher recruitment program which will allow time for careful selection of teachers. Consideration might be given to team teaching not only as a means of strengthening a teaching program in general, but also as a means of providing in-service training for new recruits. Of course, we will continue to look to our Christian Workers' Schools as providing fine opportunities for teachers to deepen their understanding of the teaching-learning process and to improve their own skills. Every commission on education will do well to set up minimum growing edge standards for their teachers.

(4) **A School of Evangelistic Teaching** — The goal of Christian teaching is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. It is of basic importance, therefore, that pupils in the church school be won for Christ and His church. Our teachers, officers, and workers in our church schools need help in understanding their responsibilities as evangelists and in developing skills along this line. **"Education that is not evangelistic is not Christian."** It is highly recommended that in every church "An Annual School of Evangelism Teaching" be held. A minimum of six hours is recommended for this enterprise. Guidance material for setting up such a school is found in the new revised leaflet entitled "An Annual School of Evangelistic Teaching" (8359-B). Copies of this leaflet may be ordered free from Box 78, Lakeland.

(5) **Witnessing** — The evangelistic impact of the church school is greatly influenced by the witnessing of its officers, teachers, and other workers. We need to demonstrate the fact that we place high significance upon our relationship to Christ and His church by Christlike living and by our support of the church with our prayers, attendance, gifts and service.

NEW LIFE Through NEW CHURCHES

WARMTH AND SINCERITY OVERCOME LACK OF FACILITIES

By ROBERT L. JENKINS

From a very small group of people meeting in a school cafeteria with no money or "mother church" to one of the fastest growing Methodist churches in Florida in two years is the story of the St. Paul Church of Jacksonville.

As we faced the enormity of the task which lay before us and the various means we might use to fulfill our hopes for this church we became cognizant of the fact that, in an honorable way, we were competing with some 24 other churches in our suburb of Arlington, all of them in their own buildings, with choirs and Sunday Schools, and most of them with air conditioning. We realized that we could not compete on the level of physical facilities, but could on the spiritual level.

We resolved that we would set out to become the friendliest church in Jacksonville! We would be so warm, so friendly, so sincere, and so Christ-like, that people visiting our church would overlook our obvious lacks in facilities.

Fellowship groups were organized, containing an average of 10 couples, children excluded, that meet monthly in the homes of the members for a covered dish dinner. Each group has one couple as captains with whom I meet periodically for prayer and evaluation of the progress of their groups. As we discovered those in our community who were unchurched and not receptive to the more common forms of evangelism, we tried to reach them through the fellowship group.

It is a frightening thing for some people to have the preacher visit or to be cornered and asked to attend a specific church. We found that we could invite them to a casual neighborhood dinner meeting and get an amazing percentage to attend. At the meetings very little was said about the church; but after a meeting or two, one of the couples in the group would ask the new people if they might drive by their house on Sunday morning to pick them up. The answer was usually "yes."

As this attitude of warmth and sincerity began to pervade the church in its every activity, we became aware that we had stumbled upon the answer to our people's deepest needs. We discovered that people are not primarily interested in air conditioning, in the size of the budget and membership, or the history and heritage of that specific church. Our services became crowded with people who said that they felt needed and loved in this church.

Our 'Leading Edge'

The Rev. Robert L. Jenkins is pastor of St. Paul Church, Jacksonville. This two-year-old church has an enviable record, as this article relates. The new churches of the Florida Conference have been our leading edge in evangelism, and yet they have less to offer—in terms of program and facilities—than do our more established churches.

This over-all approach has truly led to New Life for many people in this new church. Members who had never sung in a choir before were asked to sing because no one else was available — and they did! We ordered Methodist Disciplines by the case and sold them as fast as they were delivered because many on our official board knew so little of church administration.

Many, many of our people have found meaning and purpose in life due to the activity of this church. A few weeks ago one of our 16-year-old boys made a public profession of faith from the pulpit and expressed his desire to go into the ministry. Two men have turned down promotions in other cities because they wanted their children to grow up in St. Paul. One man, because of St. Paul, became dissatisfied with the ultimate meaningless of his five-figure-a-year job and resigned to go back to school to train in an area where he might help others. Another member, a former member of Alcoholics Anonymous, has found the answer to his problem through this church. "God is real here," he says.

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. . . People feel needed and loved

Our Church Must Take The Offensive!

Do We Need a Calamity Before We Recapture Our Zeal for Evangelism

By AMOS L. BOREN

Before rushing, headlong, into the observance of Aldersgate we must pause in serious contemplation of certain much-publicized facts.

The moral tone of our society has not turned again to goodness and Godliness since World War II. Our nation is aware of growing juvenile delinquency. Salacious literature in our magazine and book racks, lewdness in the daily papers, "adult-only" moving pictures, and a continuity of "dirty stories" by young and old is noted across our land.

Our church membership is larger than ever in history but three of four members never attend. Our own great Florida Conference, with more members than ever before, is less effective than ever if we judge effectiveness by her decrease in yearly net gains in membership.

Not only are we aware of the lethargy of our adult membership; we are watching our Sunday schools decrease in enrollment and attendance across the church. Let us ask the question "Why are there losses in church effectiveness, in the Sunday school and in the power promised us by God?" There are at least three factors.

First, we have a mobile society. Because we are on the move, it is more difficult to get business, social and church roots down. Too, it is just as difficult for the church to find and attach the folk who are in the "passing parade."

Second, we are in a defensive era. The Church as the nation appears to be on the defensive in international affairs. Our missionaries are leaving lands once open to them. We say little about it. The Church as well as the nation seems to "quake with fear" at the mention of communism. Our activities are categorized as "plugging the dike." I am convinced that the Church must drop her defensive structuring for an offensive. Why not make holes in the enemy's dike and let him defend for a while?

We can learn certain lessons from the communists. Their pattern of operation begins with infiltration and continues with boring toward the deep center of things. Why not let the Churchmen, the Christian, from within the ranks of labor, capital, industry, radio, TV, schools, newspapers and all elements of society strike for Christ.

Third, at the outset perhaps we should ask ourselves if we have lost our zeal and concern.

John Knox cried in prayer, "O God, give me Scotland or I die." Is that the prayer of the Methodists for the world?

William Booth could not sleep, so great was his concern for the poor of London!

Francis of Assisi had no peace for his soul until his deep concern and compassion for the leper caused him to kiss the leper in love and minister to him.

The emphasis of Methodists has always been on evangelism. Our excellence has been in the drive and techniques for an experience which witnesses. We are bound to a program which spreads Spiritual holiness across the world. Therefore, let us train our people to walk with Christ; let us teach them to worship; and with greater power let us "go into all the world to make disciples."

The challenge is here. Must we await a cataclysmic event? Do we support historian Charles Beard's "Calamity Theory" which holds that we move upward because of a tragedy? Some do. Here is a case in point.

As the Rev. George P. MacLeod of Glasgow was preaching in an open park, a man—Archie Grey—heckled him then died of malnutrition. The death of a "child of God" in the presence of one whose calling was called "a living," changed Mr. MacLeod. He left his comfortable way of life for a new task. He began to work as a carpenter among other laborers to preach Christ. Out of his new ministry sprang the current Iona movement.

But a calamity should not establish the motive of our evangelism. Ours should be established by Christ. Perhaps, in conclusion, a single quote will suffice: "Either a dictatorship to force man to service or a spiritual conviction to induce it."

Sets Growth Pace

The Rev. Amos L. Boren transferred to the Florida Conference from Indiana three years ago after being pastor of the large Roberts Park Church in Indianapolis for 13 years. He was appointed to organize the Hollywood Hills Church in January, 1960, and has demonstrated his evangelistic fervor by leading the conference in net membership gains for the past two Conference Years.

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Donald Mizell, District Secretary of Evangelism

Tolle

DeLand District's spring preparation for the 225th Anniversary of the heart warming experience of John Wesley began with a Spiritual Retreat for pastors on Jan. 14 at the Methodist Children's Home. The Rev. Donald Mizell, district secretary of evangelism, was in charge, assisted by the Rev. Luther Laite. The Rev. T. H. Norton was the inspirational speaker.

With a strong conviction that a properly "warmed heart" will have a deeper dedication to all of the interests of the Kingdom, a series of sub-district training sessions have been set up for each member of every commission in all of the churches in the district. This district will emphasize the potential of a deeper stewardship rendered through the commissions in winning and holding people for Christ.

Two Youth Enlistment Rallies, two Christian Workers' Schools, a meeting of the DeLand District Methodist Men's Club, and the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will offer inspiration, information and challenge.

The "Preface to Aldersgate" should reach its climax during the week of evangelistic services in every church in the district, Feb. 17-22. All of this preparation will be followed by personal evangelism leading up to Easter and some 40 days later to Aldersgate and Pentecost.

What a Spring this should be!

—Joe A. Tolle

Church	Evangelist
Bunnell	Jimmy Rose
Crescent City	Ray Finklea
Daytona Beach:	
Community	William Roughton
First	P. M. Boyd
Livingston	Wilbur Crowder
DeBary	Luther Stokes
DeLand:	
First	Thomas D. Ryan, Jr.
Trinity	Ernest Miller
DeLeon Springs	Arthur Padgett
Edgewater	Stewart White
Enterprise	Warren Churchill
Geneva	R. W. Huff, pastor
Hastings-Riverdale	Russell T. Richardson
Holly Hill	Walter Piper
Lake Como	With Crescent City
Lake Helen	W. C. Stewart
New Smyrna Beach:	
Coronado	Edward Davis
First	T. H. Norton
Orange City	Thomas Maxwell
Ormond Beach:	
First	E. E. Hawk
Riverview	Hugh Foster, pastor
Palatka:	
St. James	W. Wyeth Willard
Pierson	Paul Hartsfield
Port Orange	William H. Hinson
St. Augustine:	
First	E. J. Pendergrass
Grace	Charles Hamilton
Sanford:	
Ebenezer	Delmas Copeland
First	Milburn McCloud
Grace	Gerald McCray
Seville	Reid B. Gass
Stafford-Osteen	Robert R. Barber
Welaka-Georgetown	H. Donald Mizell

DeLand District

Additions (June 1-Nov. 30)

	1961	1962
Profession of Faith	176	152
Other Denominations	118	107
Certificate of Transfer	388	316

Number Of Members Required To Win Each New Person To The Church (Six-Month Period)

Period	Members	Add'ns	No. Req'd
1961	13,697	682	20.1
1962	14,298	575	24.9

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT

New Life Meetings

WEEK OF MARCH 3

J. E. McKinley, District Superintendent

Allan R. Stuart, District Secretary of Evangelism

McKinley

The pastors and laymen of the Gainesville District are praying, planning, working and hoping that our Commemoration of the Aldersgate Experience of John Wesley will be a "heart warming" experience for us.

We are making extensive plans, under the capable leadership of the Rev. Allan R. Stuart, our district secretary of evangelism, for our New Life Meetings to be held the week of March 3.

We plan to have three Sub-District Workshops on Evangelism as a part of our preparation prior to our meetings, and one district-wide inspirational meeting during the week of the meetings.

Through all of our preparations we shall be seeking to discover and follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit, Who alone can crown our efforts with a Pentecostal Experience.

—J. E. McKinley

Church	Evangelist
Alachua	Paul J. Wagner
Archer	L. E. Herndon
Belleview	Robert F. Hays Jan. 28-Feb. 1
Branford	Kermit C. Bradford
Chiefland	Herb Bowdoin
Columbia City	Duane Meier
Siloam	Hermon Boyette
Pleasant Grove	C. M. Sappington
Bethel	Cecil Ogg
Cross City	Raymond Alley
Dunnellon	Walter Edwards
Fort McCoy	Roy McCormick
Fort White	Duane Meier
Gainesville:	
Centenary	Eugene Pelt
First Church	George Foster
Trinity	Larry O'Steen
University	George A. Buttrick Jan. 20-25
High Springs	John Sikes
Interlachen	Dana Hamrick
Lake Butler	John Brabham
Lake City: First	Paul Hartsfield
Lawtey	Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Fox, pastor
Macclenny	Herb Bowdoin
McIntosh	W. B. Rutland
Melrose	Grant Hinshaw

Church	Evangelist
Newberry	Tom Price
Ocala:	
First	Lawrence Lacour
Druid Hills	Lawrence Lacour
St. Marks	Lawrence Lacour
Oklawaha	John Pennington
Reddick	Duane Meier
Starke	McCoy Gibbs March 17-22
Waldo	John Brabham
Wellborn	Damon Scott
Williston	L. E. Denslow
Florahome	C. B. Davis
Orange Lake	Gene Folsom

Gainesville District

Additions (June 1-Nov. 30)

	1961	1962
Profession of Faith	103	89
Other Denominations	51	65
Certificate of Transfer	295	273

Number Of Members Required To Win Each New Person To The Church (Six-Month Period)

Period	Members	Add'ns	No. Req'd
1961	13,351	449	29.7
1962	13,758	427	32.2

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT

New Life Meetings

WEEK OF MARCH 10

J. Milburn McLeod, District Superintendent

B. B. Williams, District Secretary of Evangelism

McLeod

All the churches in the Jacksonville District will have guest evangelists for the New Life Meetings, March 10 to 15, in cooperation with the Florida Conference's observance of the 225th Anniversary of John Wesley's Aldersgate experience.

Careful planning with publicity, visitation, training classes, and membership Sundays will bring to a climax our evangelistic efforts during this week.

This program will be continued through the Easter Season. An Aldersgate program in every Methodist Church on the Anniversary night of May 24 will be observed.

At a preacher's retreat at the historic Middleburg Church in the latter part of February, all details will be completed as the Rev. B. B. Williams, district secretary of evangelism, leads us in this all-out effort in harmony with the Conference Board of Evangelism.

—J. Milburn McLeod

Church	Evangelist
Baldwin-Bryceville	John Brabham
Callahan	Howard McIlrath
Dinsmore	Marvin R. Park, Jr.
Doctor's Inlet	Jim Ridgeway
Middleburg	Franklin Mraz
Fernandina Beach	C. Eugene West
Garden City	M. M. Meredith
Green Cove Springs	Thaxton Springfield
Hutto Chapel	Damon Scott
Yulee	John Hires
Jacksonville:	
Arlington	John Horton
Avondale	M. C. Cleveland
Epperson Memorial	John Gill
Epworth-Glen Myra	John Briley
Fairfield	Donald Logue
First	Gordon Thompson
Forestview	Bernard Brown
Gilmore	Henry Galloway
Glynlea	Luther V. Laite
Good Shepherd	Ralph Todd
Hendricks Memorial	Danny Morris
Highlands	Harold Buell
Inman Memorial	William H. Denlinger
Lake Shore	Allen Moore Jan. 6-13
Lakewood	Don T. DeBevoise
Livingston-Anderson	Charles Thompson
Main Street	Bruce Pickering, pastor
Marietta-Normandy Village	Gillis Crenshaw
Murray Hill	Eddie Moran
North Shore	Edward W. Norman
Oakcrest	W. E. Brooks
Ortega	Lewis Head
Peeler Memorial	L. S. DeLautre
Riverside Park	Allen Moore
Riverview	John F. Fletcher
St. Paul	Gerald Munday
Snyder Memorial	Barkley Jackson
Southside	Thornton Fowler
Southside Estates	L. L. Stokes
Springfield	Carl Looney
Spring Glen	Ballard Wilson
Swain Memorial	Whitney J. Dough
Trinity	Durward McDonell
Wesconnet	Rudolph McKinley
Wesley Memorial	A. A. Koestline
Woodstock Park	Thomas D. Ryan, Jr.
Jacksonville Beaches:	
Beach Church	Donald Maynard
Christ Church	Frank Prince
Mandarin	O. Dean Martin
Orange Park	Bob Knight

Jacksonville District

Additions (June 1-Nov. 30)

	1961	1962
Profession of Faith	368	397
Other Denominations	222	258
Certificate of Transfer	906	948

Number Of Members Required To Win Each New Person To The Church (Six-Month Period)

Period	Members	Add'ns	No. Req'd
1961	27,313	1496	18.3
1962	28,743	1603	17.9

LAKELAND DISTRICT

New Life Meetings

WEEK OF MARCH 10

John J. Rooks, District Superintendent

John R. Hunt, District Secretary of Evangelism

Rooks

The Lakeland District welcomes the evangelistic emphasis offered in the 225th Anniversary of John Wesley's heart warming experience. Our evangelism committee under the leadership of the Rev. John R. Hunt, district secretary of evangelism, and the Rev. M. McCoy Gibbs, conference secretary, in a recent meeting expressed what we believe is the spirit of this district in relation to the forthcoming "New Life in Christ" program.

They said, "We believe Lakeland District Methodism wants such a unique well-planned evangelism as will be offered by this emphasis. Enough of the familiar methods of evangelism to assure our people of tested and proven results along with the new and creative efforts needed for reaching our modern and different age will be incorporated. Once the people of our district understand this, they will respond with wholehearted enthusiasm. Therefore, it is our responsibility to see that a thorough program of preparation is offered."

March 10-17 is the week of our New Life Mission in the Lakeland District. Almost every charge in the district either has engaged or will soon engage a guest preacher for this week. The pastors of the district are called together Jan. 31 at College Heights Church to discuss local church preparation. Featured in the day's program will be a panel discussion on the subject: "How to Win Men to Christ."

—John J. Rooks

hurch	Evangelist
uburndale:	
First	Ernest Emurian
Lena Vista	John Rooks
rtow:	
First	Ben Blackburn
shnell	James Tompkins
ermont	William Blair
pleman	Robert Lewis
ade City	Jiles Kirkland
. Meade	Herbert Bowdoin
ostproof	Ford Philpot May 5-10
uitland Park	J. E. McKinley
roveland	L. B. Blackwell
ines City	Ford Philpot Jan. 27-Feb. 1
ghland City	Allan Stuart
keland:	
College Heights	T. H. Norton
Crystal Lake	J. M. Ivey
First	Paul Hortin
Lakewood Park	J. Crozier Inman
Methodist Temple	Leo Lacy
Orange Heights	Jimmy Rose
Trinity	Odell Miley
Wesley Memorial	W. S. Bozeman
dy Lake	J. T. Pennington
ke Wales	Maurice Felton
esburg:	
Christ	Don Mizell

Church	Evangelist
Morrison Memorial	Paul Duffy
Mascotte	Huie Holloway
Mulberry	Durward McDonell
Oxford	M. E. Myer
Panasoffkee	Eugene Pelt
Sumterville	Tom Sofge
Trilby	Roy McCormick
Webster	Spivey Brabham March 4-8
Wildwood	George Carlton
Winter Haven:	
Beymer Memorial	Robert Bledsoe
St. John's	Robert Bledsoe
Trinity	Fred Oxendale
Zephyrhills	Ford Philpot

Lakeland District

Additions (June 1-Nov. 30)

	1961	1962
Profession of Faith	190	140
Other Denominations	123	83
Certificate of Transfer	417	514

Number Of Members Required To Win Each New Person To The Church (Six-Month Period)

Period	Members	Add'ns	No. Req'd
1961	19,842	730	27.2
1962	20,510	737	27.8

MIAMI DISTRICT

New Life Meetings

WEEK OF MARCH 10

George A. Foster, District Superintendent

Amos L. Boren, District Seceretary of Evangelism

Foster

Whatever evangelical evaluation one gives to the Aldersgate Experience in the personal spiritual pilgrimage of John Wesley, the fact remains that the "strangely warmed heart" and experiential religion are, and will remain, central emphases in our presentation of the gospel.

It is right and proper that we should use an anniversary of Aldersgate for an evangelistic endeavor in our churches. The pastors and people of the Miami District are preparing themselves for this work, and all our prayers are that Aldersgate this year will be not only a great historic memory, but also a dynamic spiritual event in our own lives.

—George A. Foster

Church	Evangelist
Dania	Joseph N. Sells
Davie	M. M. McRideth
Hollywood Hills	Howard W. Ellis
Hollywood Temple	Arthur J. Moore Feb. 17-22
West Hollywood	Morris Hanley
Miramar	Joseph Brookshire
Epworth	Visitation
Homestead, First	George A. Foster
Redland	James C. Rowan
Holy Trinity	Mark W. Gress
El Salvador	E. Legra
Key West:	
First	A. A. Koestline
Fleming Street	A. A. Koestline
Ley Memorial	A. A. Koestline
Matecumbe	R. B. Chapman, Jr.
Miami:	
Allapattah	Herbert Bowdoin
Bryan Memorial	Lawrence Lacour
Carol City	George A. Foster
Coral Gables, First	Arthur J. Moore
Coral Way	J. Clyde Calloway
Fulford	Dan Whitselt
Grace	E. E. Stauffer
Hialeah, First	Joseph Brookshire
Hialeah, North	Howren T. Norton
Kendall	Allan R. Stuart
Miami Beach	Barton E. Fletcner
Miami Springs	John Ed. Mattheson
Ojus	Gerald McCray
Olympia Heights	Eddie Moran
Opa Locka	John Davenport
Palm Springs	Lewis Head
Perrine	Dick England
Rader Memorial	H. E. Garrett
Riverside	Mack B. Stokes
Rudy Memorial	Gene Parks September
Sellers Memorial	Spivey Brabham
Southwest	Five different men
Spanish American	C. Benitez
Tamiami Temple	Robert Soka
Tarboux Memorial	W. W. Roughton
Trinity	Waights Henry
Wesley Memorial	Joseph W. Jones
Westwood	Warren Wasson
White Temple	Allen Moore
Tavernier	Eldon Simmons

Miami District

Additions (June 1-Nov. 30)

	1961	1962
Profession of Faith	568	511
Other Denominations	252	209
Certificate of Transfer	946	886

Number Of Members Required To Win Each New Person To The Church (Six-Month Period)

Period	Members	Add'ns	No. Req'd
1961	38,557	1766	21.8
1962	40,082	1606	25.0

ORLANDO DISTRICT

New Life Meetings

WEEK OF MARCH 17

Bruce F. Gannaway, District Superintendent

G. Odell Miley, District Secretary of Evangelism

Gannaway

With three-fourths of the churches in the Orlando District having obtained their guest preachers for the New Life Mission, and the other churches at work completing their plans, the district should have a very profitable week beginning March 17.

Plans are moving ahead under the direction of the Rev. Odell Miley, district secretary of evangelism, and the district superintendent. District and local committees are being set up to effectively carry out the planning, publicity, visitation, and other phases of the total program.

Two new churches have been organized in the district during the present Conference Year, and plans are underway to organize another. Additions are running ahead of a year ago, and with the New Life Mission it is expected that additions for this year will be considerably ahead of 1961-62.

—Bruce F. Gannaway

Church	Evangelist
Apopka	Orville H. Ripley, Jr.
Cocoa	W. L. Joyner
Cocoa Beach	John H. Hanger
Eustis	H. T. Heitzenrater
Kissimmee: First	Victor Hitchcock
Lockhart	P. M. Boyd
Maitland	W. L. Brackman, Sr.
Merritt Island	John H. Hanger
Mims	Herb Bowdoin
Montverde	Maurice Stevens
Ocoee	Morris Husted
Orlando:	
Azalea Park	Robert D. Bledsoe
Broadway	James Blitch
Christ	Tom Carruth
College Park	Donald Richardson
Concord Park	A. D. Houghlin
Conway	Roy Ridley
Epworth	Raiph Mirese
First	M. C. Cleveland
Goss Memorial	Frank Stanger
Holden Heights	Carlisle Hubbard
Meadowbrook	John Myers
Pinecastle	R. E. Blanchard
Pine Hills	William Swygert
Reeves Memorial	Farley Snell
St. Paul's	Dennis DeLacure
Taft Livingston	With Pinecastle
Trinity	C. B. Callaway
Union Park	Logan Dean Whalen
Orlo Vista	James Averett
Oviedo	Jacob C. Martinson
St. Cloud	Harold Miller
Tavares	Tommy Tyson
Titusville	Eldon Simmons
Winter Garden	John R. Church
Winter Park: First	Allen W. Moore
Zellwood	W. M. Irwin

Orlando District

Additions (June 1-Nov. 30)

	1961	1962
Profession of Faith	305	284
Other Denominations	241	243
Certificate of Transfer	834	980

Number Of Members Required To Win Each New Person To The Church (Six-Month Period)

Period	Members	Add'ns	No. Req'd
1961	24,632	1380	17.8
1962	25,985	1507	17.2

ST. PETERSBURG DISTRICT

New Life Meetings

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24

Hoyt Tatum, District Superintendent

Ballard Wilson, District Secretary of Evangelism

Tatum

Plans in the St. Petersburg District are rapidly approaching the ready stage for the New Life Meetings set, in most of our churches, for Feb. 24 to March 3. Pastors and people have gladly entered into the preparations for this important emphasis in the life of Florida Methodism in the early months of this new calendar year.

Guest ministers, capable and devoted, have been invited. They will be coming from across Florida, the Southeast and the Middle West. Forty-three men will be preaching and giving leadership in this simultaneous crusade in 45 of our churches.

Christ and His claim upon the lives of individuals will be a first concern with many as His claim is clearly and winsomely presented. The importance of Christ's way of life, Christ's meaning for personal and social life, will be faced with new appreciation and insight because of these meetings.

—Hoyt Tatum

Church	Evangelist
Anona	Jacob Martinson
Brooksville	Paul Duffey
Clearwater:	
Belmont Park	Henry Kinnard
First	Arthur J. Moore March 3-8
Friendship	Karl Koestline
Skycrest	Shuler Peele
Sylvan Abbey	Gordon Phillips
Crystal River	Marvin Kincheloe
Curlew	A. C. Riviere
Dunedin:	
First	Austin McCoig, pastor
Union	Stacy Selph
Hernando	William Wicker
Inverness	M. McCoy Gibbs
Lake Lindsey	F. Henry Wolfe, pastor
Largo:	
Largo	E. F. Carwithen
Cross Bayou	David Hortin
New Port Richey	Jimmy Jones
Oldsmar	H. J. McIlrath
Palm Harbor	Harvey Hardin
Pinellas Park	Morris Holtzclaw
Safety Harbor	Bob Case
St. Petersburg:	
Allendale	Frank Robertson
Childs Park	Victor Hitchcock March 3-8
Christ	C. M. Cotton
Clearview	Hoyt Tatum
Edgemoor	Paul Jordan, pastor
Euclid	James Couchman
First	Roy Short
Grace	Walter Rutland
Gulfport	Kenneth Rogers
Lakewood	Mark Depp
Lealman	Edward Mainous
Northside	H. E. Garrett
Pasadena	James Armstrong Feb. 17-21
Seminole	John Burroughs
St. James	S. C. Rice
St. Luke's	Gaylon Howe
St. Mark's	Paul Haines
Trinity	John R. Church Jan. 20-25
Wesley Memorial	Don Nichols
Tarpon Springs	Miles Depagter

St. Petersburg District

Additions (June 1-Nov. 30)

	1961	1962
Profession of Faith	325	281
Other Denominations	348	258
Certificate of Transfer	929	1030

Number Of Members Required To Win Each New Person To The Church (Six-Month Period)

Period	Members	Add'ns	No. Req'd
1961	31,366	1602	19.6
1962	33,384	1569	21.3

SARASOTA DISTRICT

New Life Meetings

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10

Harry H. Waller, District Superintendent

Raymond L. Hayes, District Secretary of Evangelism

Waller

The Sarasota District, under the capable leadership of the Rev. Raymond L. Hayes, district secretary of evangelism, is unitedly preparing and praying for a deep spiritual awakening during the observance of Aldersgate Year. It is our sincere conviction that one must be in a satisfactory personal relationship with Jesus Christ before he can be an effective witness to God's redemptive love.

Practically all of the churches are planning New Life Meetings with exceptionally fine pulpit talent. Among those selected to preach are Bishop Arthur J. Moore, Dr. Lawrence Lacour and Dr. Joe Blinco. Most of the meetings are scheduled for the week of Feb. 10, but the plan has sufficient flexibility to enable each pastor to select the time most expeditious for his local situation.

It is our prayerful hope that the Holy Spirit may come unto us all and that our powerlessness may be transformed into that power which will qualify us to be effective soul winners. Let our hearts be "strangely warmed" is our ardent prayer.

—Harry H. Waller

Church	Evangelist
Arcadia	Joe Wood
Boca Grande	James Powell
Bonita Springs	Wayne Thomas
Bradenton:	
Christ	Fred L. Martin
First	Lawrence Lacour
Manatee	Amos L. Boren
Trinity	Ford Philpot Feb. 24-March 1
Cape Coral	Harry Parham
Charlotte Harbor-Cleveland	Claude Stanfield
Estero	C. B. Martin
Fort Myers Beach	Royal Page
Fort Myers:	
Central	John Brackman
Edgewood	R. M. Temple, Jr.
First	Charles Goff
Fort Ogden	Raymond Hayes Feb. 3-8
LaBelle	Jim Tompkins
Lake Placid	John Ozley
Miakka-Myakka City	Elmer Fant
Oneco	Bob Flewellan
Palmetto	J. C. Inman
Parrish	Ben Underwood
Port Charlotte	Wesley Pugh
Sarasota:	
First	Arthur J. Moore
North	Sam Emrick
Sebring	J. T. Seamans
Venice-Grace	Lee Van Sickle
Venice-Nokomis	John Rooks
Wauchula	Joe Blinco
Zolfo Springs-Friendship	Ted Smith

Sarasota District

Additions (June 1-Nov. 30)

	1961	1962
Profession of Faith	285	187
Other Denominations	189	163
Certificate of Transfer	863	700

Number Of Members Required To Win Each New Person To The Church (Six-Month Period)

Period	Members	Add'ns	No. Req'd
1961	18,563	1337	13.9
1962	19,733	1050	18.8

TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT

New Life Meetings

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 3

Robert C. Holmes, District Superintendent

Leo F. King, District Secretary of Evangelism

Holmes

Aldersgate Year began in the district with all of the churches urged to observe Family Prayer Sunday on Jan. 6. Our churches will continue to emphasize the Aldersgate Experience, through church announcements referring to **Together** and **Florida Methodist** magazines and by preaching on the heart-warming experience of John Wesley.

Several churches are making a special study of the Book of Romans during the year. Where classes cannot be held, sermons will be given from Romans. The district president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service is encouraging the women to study the Aldersgate Experience, and Aldersgate Year will be stressed at our district men's retreats.

Membership training classes for children are to be conducted by every pastor during the Lenten Season. Classes for youth and adults will be conducted in many of the churches. It is hoped that a great ingathering of souls will come to pass in this Conference Year.

The success of this program is due chiefly to our very faithful and efficient district director of evangelism, the Rev. Leo King, and his associate director, the Rev. Theo Gee.

—Robert C. Holmes

Church	Evangelist
Apalachicola	John Brackman Feb. 10-17
Bethel	Louis Patmore
Carrabelle	J. E. McKinley
Chattahoochee	Danny Morris
East Leon Ct.	John Jones
Eastpoint	Luther Stokes
Glen Julia	C. B. Davis, Charles Robinson
Greensboro	Howard Porter Nov. 25-30
Greenville	David Newell
Havana	P. M. Boyd
Jasper	Robert Bledsoe Feb. 3-8
Jennings-Hanson	Howard Porter
Lee and Hickory Grove	David A. Denslow Feb. 13-15
Live Oak	Herschel Hudgins Feb. 3-8
Bristol	L. E. Herndon
Hosford-Grace	Louis Patmore
Madison	P. M. Boyd
Mayo	Spivey Brabham
Miccosukee	Leo King
Midway, Lake Jackson	Tom Kelsey
Monticello	Harry Wood
New Harmony	Spivey Brabham
Perry:	
First	A. Jason Shirah
Grace	Maxie Dunnara
Pisgah, Zion Hill	Luther Stokes
Quincy:	
Centenary	Clovis Chappell
Forest Hills	John Brackman
Shady Grove Ct.	John Davenport
Sopchoppy-Crawfordville	Danny Morris
Tallahassee:	
John Wesley	E. J. Pendergrass
St. Pauls	E. J. Pendergrass
Trinity	E. J. Pendergrass
Tallahassee Heights	J. R. Parker
Waukeenah	Louis Patmore
West Madison Ct.	Carl Cariker, E. F. Mayton, Charles Robinson
Woodville-Wakulla-St. Marks	James Phifer

Tallahassee District

Additions (June 1-Nov. 30)

	1961	1962
Profession of Faith	84	82
Other Denominations	34	34
Certificate of Transfer	267	237

Number Of Members Required To Win Each New Person To The Church (Six-Month Period)

Period	Members	Add'ns	No. Req'd
1961	12,263	385	31.9
1962	12,367	353	35.0

TAMPA DISTRICT

New Life Meetings

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24

Durward McDonell, District Superintendent

Leo Lacy, District Secretary of Evangelism

McDonell

A concerted effort is being made to recreate the Aldersgate experience of John Wesley for Methodism in the Tampa District. Thirty-seven of the 40 pastoral charges in this district have scheduled New Life preaching services during the week of Feb. 24-March 1. Many of the participating churches will observe 24-hour prayer vigils prior to their special services. Other emphases will include visitation evangelism to secure new commitments to Christ and the Church and the organization of discovery groups in each local church. Several pastors already have reported that such prayer and Bible study groups are meeting in their churches with a helpful effect upon its spiritual life.

The Rev. Leo Lacy, district secretary of evangelism, and the district superintendent have announced a New Life Retreat for the pastors of the district, Feb. 21. This meeting will be held at the Keystone Church and will feature Dr. George Foster, Miami District superintendent, as the inspirational speaker. Other plans for preachers will include three luncheon meetings during the New Life week at which addresses will be given on the minister's role as counsellor, pastor, and preacher. Visiting preachers Dr. Jack Anderson, Dr. P. M. Boyd, and Dr. James Armstrong have been selected to deliver the addresses.

—Durward McDonell

hurch	Evangelist
andon	Harold Brooks
ork	Marvin Sweat
over	Ben Blackburn
ibsonton	Paul Harwell
eystone	Gene Zimmerman
nights	R. E. Rutland, Jr.
utz	Lee Davidson
ant City:	
First	James Varnell
Grace	R. E. Rutland, Jr.
Sunset Heights	Holland Vaughan
Trinity	D. B. Shelnutt
	March 3-8
verview	George Savage
uskin	Don Padgett
effner	Francis C. Smelt
pringhead	Robert L. Lewis
ampa:	
Bayshore	W. C. Bryant
Branscomb Memorial	Alva H. Brock
Christ	R. C. Joyner
First	James A. Armstrong
Forest Hills	Ralph Huston
Grace	Robert Bledsoe
Highland Avenue	Eddie Moran
Hillsborough	L. M. Barnett
Hyde Park	Phillip Blackburn
Interbay	Allan Stuart

Church	Evangelist
Manhattan Ave.	Harry C. Parham
Nebraska Ave.	Fred Rumsey
Oak Grove	Durward McDonell
Palma Ceia	Jack Anderson
Sarah Spencer	John McNeil
	Feb. 10-17
Seminole Heights	R. L. Allen
St. John's	P. M. Boyd
St. Paul's	Bill Tiffin
Tampa Heights	Robert Blackburn
Temple Terrace	Julian Keating
Trinity	John Davenport
Wimauma	Leo S. Lacy
	Feb. 17-22

Tampa District

Additions (June 1-Nov. 30)

	1961	1962
Profession of Faith	268	192
Other Denominations	163	130
Certificate of Transfer	623	442

Number Of Members Required To Win Each New Person To The Church (Six-Month Period)

Period	Members	Add'ns	No. Req'd
1961	19,926	1054	18.9
1962	20,765	764	27.2

WEST PALM BEACH DISTRICT

New Life Meetings

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10

Laurie G. Ray, District Superintendent
T. Howren Norton, District Secretary of Evangelism

Ray

Arrangements are nearly complete for the Feb. 10-15 New Life Meetings in the West Palm Beach District. The Rev. T. Howren Norton, pastor of Calvary Church, Lake Worth, is heading up this important function as our district secretary of evangelism.

The majority of our churches are following the Feb. 10-15 dates, but some are having to adjust the dates in order to secure the services of the minister desired.

A run-down on the list of those preaching for us includes a bishop, a district superintendent, a general evangelist, and a college president. It will be a worthwhile week in the West Palm Beach District.

Our new life meetings will be a good prelude to the actual celebration of Aldersgate Day in May. Plans for this celebration are in process of development.

—Laurie G. Ray

Belle Glade ..... E. J. Daniels
Jan. 27-Feb. 10

Boca Raton ..... Allen Moore

Boynton Beach:
First ..... Edgar Stauffer
St. Johns ..... Edgar Stauffer

Delray Beach ..... Don Gilmore
Feb. 17-24

Eau Gallie ..... Kenneth Jones

Ft. Lauderdale:
Christ ..... Arthur J. Moore
First ..... Paris Bell
Melrose Park ..... Billy Case
Park Temple ..... Arthur J. Moore
Plantation ..... Dick Blanchard
St. Andrews ..... G. W. Wiseman
St. Pauls ..... Fred E. Stinson
Wesley Chapel ..... Clair Lundberg

Ft. Pierce:
Community ..... E. B. Luttrell
Feb. 17-22
First ..... Allen Moore
Feb. 24-March 3

Port St. Lucie ..... Jack Travelstead

Indialantic ..... Delmas Copeland

Indiantown ..... Leon Yielding
Jan. 13-20

Jensen Beach ..... J. P. Sampley, Roy Sampley
Feb. 10-17

Juno Beach ..... George P. Robinson

Lake Harbor ..... J. O. Jameson

Lake Worth:
Calvary ..... J. M. McLeod
Lakeside ..... Don Nichols
St. Lukes ..... Denson Franklin

Melbourne:
First ..... Ellis Finger
Feb. 24-March 1
Palm Bay ..... Rex Mixon
Feb. 25-March 1

Moore Haven ..... W. S. Bozeman
Jan. 27-Feb. 1

Oakland Park ..... A. C. Riviere

Okeechobee ..... Amos L. Boren
Jan. 27-Feb. 1

Fort Drum ..... R. W. Woolwine
Jan. 13-20

Pahokee ..... Clarence M. Yates

Parm Beach Gardens-Trinity ..... Robert G. Tuttle
Jan. 16-20

Pompano Beach:
Cokesbury ..... Samuel M. Clark
First ..... Joe Blinco
Trinity ..... W. Thomas Parsons
April-7-14

Riviera Beach ..... Week of visitation

Sebastian-Fellsmere ..... Charles E. Kinder

Vero Beach:
Asbury ..... Robert Jenkins
First ..... Charles R. Goff

Wabasso ..... Austin G. McCoig

West Palm Beach:
First ..... Byran Deshler
March 10-16
Grace ..... J. O. Witt
Mangonia Park ..... With First Church
March 10-16
Wagg Memorial ..... Charles P. Hamilton

White City ..... James Luther
Jan. 20-25

West Palm Beach District
Additions (June 1-Nov. 30)

	1961	1962
Profession of Faith	288	264
Other Denominations	231	186
Certificate of Transfer	816	824

Number Of Members Required To Win
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1961	26,993	1335	20.2
1962	28,698	1274	22.5

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Our Culture Robs Us of Solitude, We Must Recapture Time for Prayer

By MRS. R. V. RAINS

It has been suggested that in our time we are not suffering as much from a decay of beliefs as from a loss of solitude.

"Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for Him;" (Psalms 37:7).

We are living in a culture that is not used to stillness, nor are we schooled in waiting or patience. We have so little of that silent and radiant strength gained through communion with God.

If we are to recapture Wesley's Aldersgate Experience we must return to times of stillness for self-dedication and the practice of prayer and meditation. Jesus continually sought and found strength from God in prayer. There are recorded many moments of great significance when His life was undergirded with prayer.

There are many energies and resources that make for newness of life through prayer. We can expect no great growth in this area unless we are feeding our minds with the experiences, the insights, and visions from those who have gone further than we on this journey toward God. Devotional reading for this spiritual growth gives us guidance; devotional reading brings us into the presence of the great souls of the ages; devotional reading can give us a firmer grasp of the faith upon which all our praying is founded.

John Wesley said: "Whether you like it or not, read and pray daily. It is good for your life; there is no other way: else you will be a trifler all your days . . . Do justice to your own soul; give it time and means to grow. Do not starve yourself any longer."

Prayer is much more than conversation with God. It is finding oneself in proper relation to God and becoming adjusted to the will and purpose of God. It is the involvement of one's whole self with God—and this leads us to involvement with God's children, for to come near to God is to change. Prayer is dynamic, and can work wonders — not by changing the situation, but by changing us to better meet the situation.

Marius Grout is right in saying. "If contemplation, which introduces us to the very heart of creation, does not inflame us with such love that it gives us, together with deep joy, the understanding of the infinite misery of the world, it is a vain kind of contemplation. The sign of true contemplation is charity. By your capacity for forgiveness shall I recognize your God and also by your opening your arms to all creation." New life through prayer brings action through learning the will of God and then putting wings and feet to our prayers.

"Prayer is plugging in on a current that brings light and power," Peter Marshall has said. "We cannot do much for the world until, first of all, we have done something with ourselves. The longer the orchestra plays, the more it needs to be tuned up; the further an airplane flies, the more it requires ground service to put it into shape again . . . But we, with all the physical abundance of the world, find ourselves spiritually starved and undernourished. Without spiritual food and exercise our souls are soft and flabby."

"O, Thou by whom we come to God,
the Life, the Truth, the Way,
The path of prayer Thyself hast trod;
Lord, teach us how to pray."

A Solid Foundation

Mrs. R. V. Rains is secretary of spiritual life for the Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. She urges more reading, prayer and contemplation for our age.

FLORIDA'S PROUD HERITAGE—

Our Forefathers Had Wesley's Religion -- Do We?

By HENRY W. BLACKBURN

At a time when Florida Methodism is facing perhaps the greatest opportunity that ever confronted an American Conference — and when our denomination is showing unmistakable signs of a declining growth rate nationally — we would do well to examine ourselves in the light of our spiritual forefathers to be sure that we "have" the religion that we are trying to share.

Our Florida pioneer itinerants certainly shared with John Wesley that inner spiritual compulsion which came to him at the meeting house on Aldersgate St.

In 1846 Simon Peter Richardson was sent to Key West to build a church for the little congregation in a city that was soon to become the largest in the state. The members were almost all former British Wesleyan Methodists who had made their way from the West Indies. The route to Key West at that time was by sailing vessel from St. Marks, a distance of 400 miles. The new pastor soon realized that the money for such an enterprise just was not there, so he concluded he would do what he had done before, hold revivals and give his offerings to the building fund. This he did in the cities throughout the Southeast, and, with the aid of his loyal members, built a nice stone church for about $4000. Before it was entirely completed it was destroyed by a hurricane. A temporary building was constructed immediately, and when the stalwart man of God was returned for a second year, he set out on a mission to raise funds for a new edifice. This time he made a trip to New Orleans and throughout the Mississippi valley, preaching in revivals, and calling on strangers on the streets, until he had raised $5,000. He returned by way of the eastern seaboard, ordering lumber in Charleston, and — against the advice of the insurance agent and the captain of the ship — he insured his part of the cargo against storms. The ship was destroyed in a hurricane, and having left a duplicate order for just such an emergency, the second shipment was soon on its way. The building was erected, and it served the congregation of "Old Stone Church" for 50 years. One is forced to the conclusion that this pioneer lived very close to God!

Part of Rich Heritage

The Rev. Henry W. Blackburn, son of a pioneer Methodist minister in Florida, has also contributed much to our conference's rich heritage. He is now executive secretary of church extension.

Let us skip an additional 23 years, and take a look at another of our itinerants with a vital experience and a passion for extending the Kingdom. At the Conference in Lake City in December of 1869, Robert H. Barnett was appointed to the Taylor-Lafayette Mission, a circuit 95 miles long, embracing all of Taylor and Lafayette, and a part of Madison counties, with 17 preaching places, each one of which was to be visited once a month. There was no parsonage; not even a room in a boarding house for the young minister to call his home. He was dependent upon the hospitality of the laymen on his circuit, or on a wilderness camp site, for a place to sleep. There were few roads, and almost no bridges — just trails through the woods and streams to ford—and he was often delayed or lost. Sermons were usually prepared on horseback with the aid of no more books than could be carried in his saddlebag. What but an Aldersgate experience could have enabled this inexperienced 20-year-old preacher to win 258 people to Christ and His Church that year in the midst of such hardships and handicaps?

As late as 1893 there was no highway or railroad down the lower East Coast of Florida. My father, C. Fred Blackburn, hoping to be assigned to a charge where there was a parsonage to which he could bring the lovely Tallahassee girl to whom he was engaged, was appointed to the Indian River-Lake Worth Mission, a circuit 150 miles long, extending from Cocoa on the north to Hypoluxo on the south. The only means of transportation was by a river steamer, with a limited schedule, or, some open boat that happened along. There was not only no parsonage, but there was scarcely a place for him to lay his head. He slept in hot attic rooms, in lofts over stores with a dozen strangers on cots — enduring hardships while organizing churches and building modest sanctuaries — and waited two more years to get married!

When my father went on this circuit there were only 28 members, in four preaching places, with property valued at $2,400. Because of his fidelity, and that of many many others who followed him, we now have 29,000 members and property valued at nearly $10 million in the territory which he served.

We can be grateful that we are not called upon to endure the hardships our fathers endured, and we can be grateful that they did not have to put up with the trials that are peculiar to our day; but it is a sobering question for us to ask ourselves: Are we manifesting the same devotion and fortitude that they exercised in their day? And do we have a heart strangely warmed?

If I should be asked the question that was asked Dr. Roy L. Smith by his sexton one day, when he said: "Any late news from God this morning?", I would surely say: This I know; while the world builds its cocktail lounges, race tracks, night clubs, and launching pads, the Christian people of Florida, faced with a population increase of 5,000 a week, better organize and build new churches if men are to be reached for God; indeed, if our very civilization is to endure!

Deaths

Dr. Ludd M. Spivey

Dr. Ludd M. Spivey, president of Florida Southern College for 32 years until his retirement in 1957, died Dec. 27 in West Palm Beach. Mr. Spivey failed to respond to surgery performed 10 days prior to his death for removal of a blood clot after he had suffered a stroke.

When he assumed the presidency of Florida Southern in 1925, the struggling college had relatively few students and a debt of more than $400,000. During his tenure he directed the expansion of the college into a nationally-known institution with an enrollment of 2,000 students.

Dr. Spivey

Despite the fact that Florida Southern has doubled its enrollment in a few years, the school was all but forced to close its doors during the depths of the depression in the early 1930's. The trustees reluctantly voted to close the college, but Mr. Spivey insisted that somehow he would find a way to keep its doors open.

At this crucial time in the institution's history, tragedy struck the Spiveys. Their young son, Ludd Allan, was bitten by a dog and died of hydrophobia. Mr. Spivey plunged into a frenzy of work to overcome his grief and soon announced that Florida Southern would build a new dormitory for women. Funds were lacking, but somehow the brick building was constructed — to be dedicated as Allan Spivey Hall in memory of the boy.

A major moment in the educator's and college's life came in 1936 when he visualized a unique campus at Florida Southern and persuaded Frank Lloyd Wright, the internationally-famous architect, to design it. The unique campus has since made Florida Southern an international landmark. In addition to the Wright campus, Mr. Spivey also built the college's East Campus complex of 18 buildings.

Mr. Spivey requested no eulogies at his funeral. Both the Rev. P. M. Boyd, a long-time friend, and Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., who succeeded Mr. Spivey as president at Florida Southern, commented that the students and others who he had helped during his lifetime stand along with the buildings as a monument to his service. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to the Ludd M. Spivey Student Loan Fund at Florida Southern College.

The Ludd M. Spivey Student Loan Fund at Florida Southern College is a memorial to Mr. Spivey's lifelong interest in helping deserving students.

Mr. Spivey was deeply interested in improving relations between the races and preached a doctrine of tolerance and brotherhood throughout his ministry. He served as the first chairman of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and at the time of his death he was president of the Palm Beach chapter of the American Association of the United Nations.

Prior to his death he was actively engaged in founding a new university for senior citizens at Palm Beach which was to have no entrance requirements, no examinations, no credits and no campus. Learning was to be its sole objective.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Louise Spivey; two sons, Dr. Myrl Spivey of West Palm Beach and William H. Spivey, Lakeland, a faculty member at Florida Southern; a daughter, Mrs. Louise Sinigoi, Hollywood; and six grandchildren.

OTHER DEATHS

The Rev. T. R. Adams
Lakeland

Mrs. Margaret Peace Cook
Micanopy

Mrs. W. T. Tresca
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(These obituaries will be carried in our Feb. 1 issue.)

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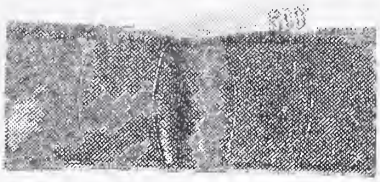

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The MESSAGE of the BOOK of ROMANS

By CHARLES M. LAYMON

In our recognition of Aldersgate in 1963 the Methodist Church is being asked to pay particular attention to the **Book of Romans.** There are two reasons for this. First, John Wesley's conversion experience occurred while he was listening to the reading of the preface to Luther's commentary on Romans. Second, this particular letter of Paul's has opened the door to great stirrings of heart among Christians ever since it was written.

The greatest theological reappraisal of our time was an outgrowth of coming face to face with **Romans.** It was Karl Barth's commentary on this epistle that challenged the church to examine anew its message of salvation. And the sobering results that followed changed the religious climate of the century.

The Reason

What is the reason for the dynamic results that follow a serious reading of the **Book of Romans?** There is no magic to it. The simple fact is that this epistle deals with the basic foundations of the Christian experience of salvation in Christ. It gets down to bedrock as it presents man's need of redemption and what God has done to provide it.

The Apostle Paul wrote this letter in the mid-fifties of the first century, not as a theological treatise, but to introduce himself and his teaching to the church at Rome. He was on a three month's stay at Corinth during his third missionary journey. Eager to make the most of an intended visit to the eternal city, he concluded that he would lay the foundation for a mighty work there by writing them thus in advance.

As a result of penning the epistle, Paul not only introduced the Romans to the gospel, but uncounted millions of other Christians as well. And we may anticipate a renewal of heart and mind among Methodists today as we give it new attendtion.

What Does Romans Say?

There are several basic contentions in this writing that are like theorems in geometry. They are universally true and upon them other truths inevitably rest. They follow:

1. **All men, both Jews and Christians have sinned and stand in need of salvation (1:18-3:20). The gentiles have sinned because they did not live up to the truths of God revealed to them in nature, while the Jews have sinned because they did not keep the Law of Moses.**
2. **Salvation has been provided mankind. It comes through faith in Christ (3:21-31). God has acted to do this; he has taken the initiative here. When we respond to it, we experience forgiveness and are declared as righteous before God. Even though we are not sinless, God accepts our faith and gives us standing before Himself.**
3. **Life lived on any other basis than faith is futile. This has been proved both positively and negatively. Abraham was justified by faith; he believed God and it was reckoned to him as righteousness (4:1-25). On the other hand, Paul himself tried to find salvation through keeping the Law but could not (7:1-25).**
4. **If one has faith in Christ, God's spirit fills his life and he is lifted to a plane of power and peace. Nothing can separate him from the love of God in Christ (8:1-39)**
5. **The man who has the Spirit in his life will live day by day as a practical Christian, bearing in his life the fruits of righteousness (12:1-15:13)**

Timeless and Timely

The above outline, while not including every idea in the **Book of Romans,** does chart the major movements of its message. You can see at once that it is timeless. It is not a seasonable truth that will be in style one day and go out of style the next. God, man, sin, salvation — here they stand revealed in bold outline once and for all.

At the same time, the teachings of Romans are particularly timely. Man's great accomplishments in the space age may too easily go to his head. Is there anything that he cannot do? Yes, there is! Man cannot save himself before God. But he can find salvation through faith in Christ.

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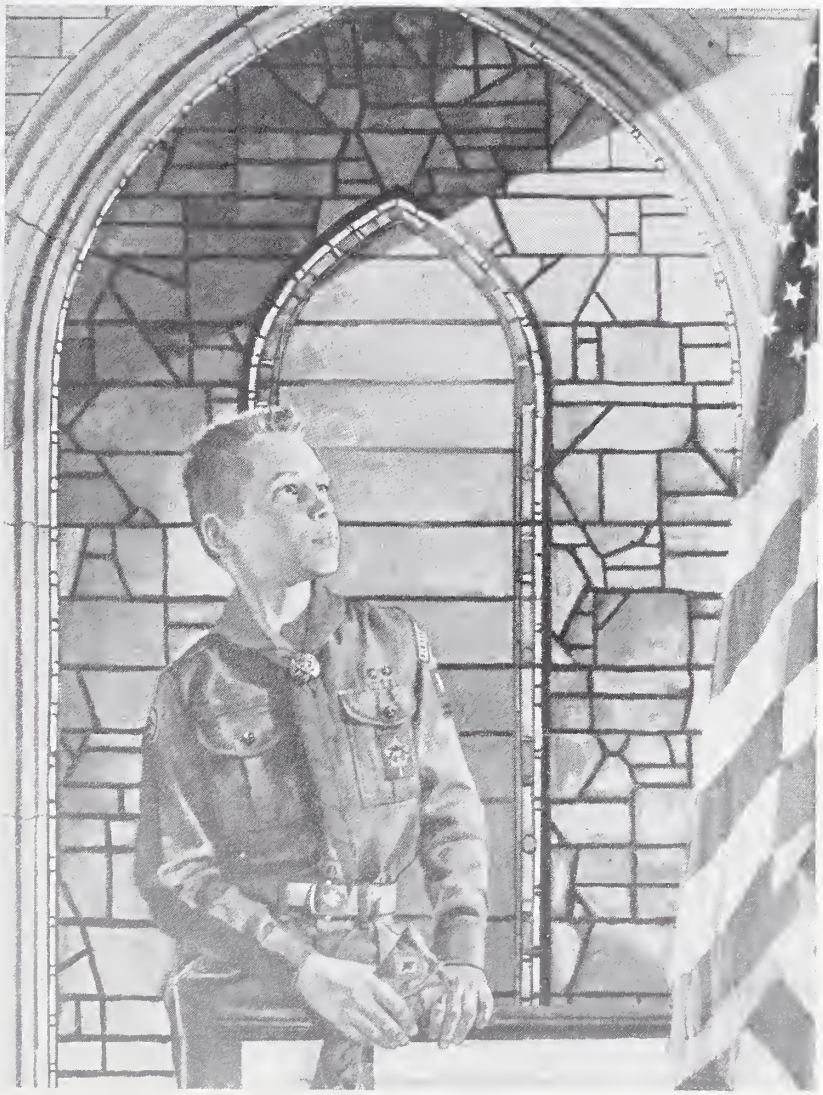

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The Bishop Calls—

Dear Friends:

One of the most urgent responsibilities confronting Florida Methodism during this decade is that of church extension. During the past four years our conference has set an enviable record. However, our constantly growing population offers us no time for relaxation in this field. There is need for 18 new congregations during this Conference Year. The establishment of each new church requires gifts for the purchase of property by the district and loans for the building from the conference.

This year we are seeking to complete the payment of pledges made to the Conference Loan Fund to be used in church extension. At this writing the amount of $383,601 is still outstanding. Some churches have fallen considerably behind in their payments. It is going to require strenuous effort to fulfill our commitment. This money, through loans, will make possible the building of new churches to house new congregations. It is indispensable to the growth of the churches.

Let me express the gratitude of every Florida Methodist for the valiant and victorious effort of many of our churches in the completion of their payments to the loan fund. In a number of cases the "impossible" has been achieved. It has required the leadership of the ministers and the support of the laity. Let's dedicate our efforts to the end that this campaign, so heartily begun three years ago, will be brought to a successful conclusion.

This is the season of the year when seniors in high school are beginning to look forward eagerly to their college careers. Florida Southern College is *our* Methodist institution for higher education — founded by, owned and operated by Florida Methodism. This fine school deserves the support of our people — not only through money, but also through the enrollment of the finest young men and women of our Methodist families. Ministers, church school teachers, Woman's Society officers, and Methodist Men are urged to introduce their high school seniors to the opportunities at Florida Southern.

The weeks between the first Sunday in January and Easter are set aside each year for special emphasis upon the spiritual significance of church attendance for the individual and the family. These are bewildering times in which we live. What one of us is not sensitive to his own need for spiritual enrichment? What one of us fails to appreciate the redemptive mission of the church? Let us magnify the worship of God through our own participation and involvement during this entire season. Pray for your minister. Support him by your presence. And may God bless you every one.

Sincerely,

JAMES W. HENLEY

ANOTHER APPROVED—

Conference To Buy New Youth Camp Site

The trustees of the Florida Conference Board of Education are in the process of purchasing a 358-acre youth camp site on State Highway 78, near LaBelle.

The site is on the Caloosahatchee River with adequate high land for permanent buildings. Present plans call for it to be first used for rustic camping and family camping before permanent facilities are erected.

The $75,000 site is about 125 miles from Miami and 30 miles from Ft. Myers. The tract is separated into 209 acres south of Highway 78 and 149 acres north of the highway.

An immediate down payment on the property has been made possible through a $12,500 loan from the Florida Conference Cabinet and a $6,750 loan from the Conference Board of Lay Activities.

The Board of Education has asked that funds for two youth camp sites be included in the capital expansion fund drive to be considered at Annual Conference.

A second site near Jasper on the Suwannee River has also been approved for purchase by the trustees, according to the Rev. Milton Wyatt, executive secretary of the Board of Education. This site would eventually serve the northern part of the conference.

This 450-acre tract is priced at $78,000.

Swimming facilities can be developed on both camp sites. The LaBelle property has a flowing well which would serve as an excellent water source for a swimming pool or lake. The Suwannee River property has a small stream which can be dammed, plus several small sink holes.

'General Alarm' Sounded to Bolster Giving For Advance Specials in Florida Churches

By C. M. COTTON
Conference Missionary Secretary

"Man your battle stations!"

The Conference Treasurer's report on Jan. 14 indicated that we are behind last year for the same date by some $26,000 in our giving for Advance Specials.

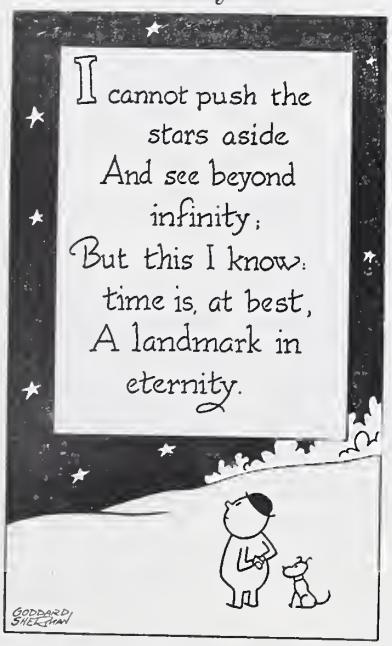
Our most serious lag is in giving for Conference Advance Specials, and this may be in our Conference Loan Fund for Church Extension. Please let's make an honest and enthusiastic effort to get this loan fund money by Annual Conference.

We are also lagging in our Advance Special gifts for World Missions.

I trust this lag is due to the immediate "shock" of the recent "freeze" in the citrus belt. But let's not let the Lord's money get put into a deep freeze. Let's thaw out our pocketbooks and in the next four months, pick up the slack, and go on to the biggest Advance Specials year in our history.

I repeat. Man your battle stations, men, and fire at will your checks to the Central Treasurer.

The Sunny Soul



Church Given Unique Stained Glass Window

A precedent-breaking vertical treatment of the Last Supper is depicted on a stained glass window donated to the new sanctuary of Ortega Church in Jacksonville. This unusual window is a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Umberto Pezulla.

Artist Anzola Fuga of Venice, Italy produced a compromise between traditional and modern art as well as picturing the Last Supper with Christ at the head of the table, the way a host sits today. The lowest figure appearing in the foreground is Judas.

The memorial to Mrs. Pezulla's father is among a total of 46 gifts and memorials dedicated at the morning service on Dec. 23.

Seminar on Healing Scheduled in Orlando

The Wesley Society of the Gainesville District is sponsoring a Conference-wide Seminar on Healing at Goss Memorial Church, Orlando, on Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Stanger

Dr. Frank Bateman Stanger, president of Asbury Theological Seminary, will conduct the seminar. He has conducted similar seminars throughout the nation.

The morning session will be devoted to a discussion of the subject, "The Relationship of Christian Faith and Healing." The afternoon session will consider "The Christian Minister and Healing." A question-and-answer period will follow both sessions.

23,000 Copies

Circulation of the Florida Methodist reached 23,000 with our Aldersgate Year Edition on Jan. 15, including over 10,000 in special orders. That many copies of the 24-page edition required nearly three tons of paper.

St. Augustine Church Commemorates 75th Anniversary

A commemorative service at Grace Church in St. Augustine marked the church's 75th Anniversary on Jan. 6.

Guest speaker for the occasion was the Rev. Henry W. Blackburn, executive secretary of church extension for the Florida Conference.

Another special event of the day was two showings of the movie, " John Wesley," depicting the life and work of the founder of Methodism.

The first Methodist Church in St. Augustine was the Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church which was consecrated in 1829. Previously, Methodism had been preached in St. Augustine by itinerant evangelists and missionaries.

The Bethel Church was sold in 1840, and following the division in American Methodism, a new site was purchased for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on St. George Street. In 1847 a building was erected on this plot and used by the congregation until the period of the War Between the States. During the period between 1877 to 1881 the congregation had no church building.

In 1881 the Methodist Episcopal Church was reorganized in the parlors of the Florida House. Later, a lot was purchased on the corner of King and Cordova Streets and Olivet M.E. Church was built on that site in 1884.

Henry M. Flagler built the present church and adjoining education building, formerly the parsonage, in exchange for the Olivet Church site which he needed for his Alcazar Hotel.

In 1886 the official board ordered that the new church be called "Grace Methodist Episcopal Church" and it was dedicated in January, 1888.

The Rev. John Gill is pastor of Grace Church.

NOW GROWING RAPIDLY—

Lockhart Church Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The Lockhart Church in what is now a suburb of Orlando celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a series of Advent services, culminating with a Homecoming Sunday on Dec. 30.

The Rev. A. Gene Parks, Miami Beach, preached at the morning service that day and the Rev. Bruce Gannaway, Orlando District superintendent, preached at the evening service. A "Song Fest and Historical Testimony" service was held following dinner on the grounds at noon.

The Lockhart Church was founded in 1912 when Lockhart was the center of a thriving lumber mill business. Like many churches in the same circumstances, it faced a period of extinction when the nearby timber was exhausted.

The church was revived and relocated in 1924 when it had only 24 members on the rolls.

Following World War II church and Sunday school attendance began to grow steadily. An educational building was built in three section from 1955 to 1959 and the present sanctuary was completed in January, 1960. Church buildings and furnishings are now estimated to be worth nearly $100,000.

Added property was acquired during the one-year pastorate of Mr. Parks for further expansion. During the past two years the church has doubled church membership and average attendance.

The church was among the Orlando District winners of the Town and Country Commission's "Church of the Year" awards at Annual Conference and the Rev. Jim Ridgway, pastor, was cited as one of the outstanding ministers of the year.

The church received its 600th member during the Homecoming service.

Giving for Higher Education Increases

Members of The Methodist Church gave a record total of at least $16,873,586 last year to the denomination's colleges, universities, seminaries, and Wesley Foundations. This is $4,191,871 more than the previous year.

In another report, the Division of Higher Education of the Board of Education stated that last year the Methodist Student Loan Fund made 3,017 loans for a record total of $967,940.

In addition, 475 National Methodist Scholarships totaling $244,-388 were provided during the year for Methodist students.

Birthday group of 29 new members joined Ormond Beach Church on its 10th Anniversary recently, swelling the churches' membership to 1,014. The group of members is called the "1,000 Group" by the Rev. Louie B. Blackwell, pastor.

AT LEAST $500,000 A YEAR—

Planning Commission Recommends Annual Expansion Fund

Churches of the Florida Conference will be asked to increase their capital fund giving by at least $500,000 annually under a plan to be proposed at Annual Conference by the Conference Planning Commission.

The yearly fund for expansion purposes will be advocated instead of a $3 to $4 million financial campaign contemplated at last Annual Conference, according to the Rev. George A. Foster, Miami District superintendent, who serves as executive secretary for the planning commission.

The proposed extra giving would go for the same purposes which were to be underwritten by the multi-million dollar campaign: Florida Southern College, new sites for youth camps, church extension loans, Wesley Foundation student centers at state colleges and universities, and completion of the Branscomb Memorial Auditorium.

Holmes

Foster

The Rev. Robert C. Holmes, Tallahassee District superintendent, was chairman of the "ways and means" subcommittee which suggested the change. Mr. Holmes explained that the flexible, annual goal would be more suited to Florida's expansion needs than the large campaign.

Continued growth in the state would require an additional campaign upon completion of the proposed one, he said. Rather than a series of such short-term campaigns, the subcommittee recommended the continuing expansion fund.

The planning commission's action in approving the expansion fund proposal was commended by Bishop Henley.

"A continuing capital fund program in our conference budget, subject to change annually, would reduce the need for emergency money-raising campaigns," he said.

Southern Names Parlin 'Honorary Chancellor'

Charles C. Parlin of New York City, prominent lawyer and internationally-known Methodist layman, has been elected honorary chancellor of Florida Southern College for 1963.

He will come to Lakeland March 21-23 to give an address and preside over the annual Founders Week convocation, it was announced by President Charles T. Thrift, Jr.

Parlin is the 28th man to be elected honorary chancellor since trustees of the 17-year-old Methodist school began conferring the title on outstanding leaders in various fields in 1934.

A senior member of the Wall Street firm of Shearman & Sterling & Wright, Parlin is a native of Wisconsin and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the Harvard Law School.

Long a leading layman in church affairs, he is one of six presidents of the World Council of Churches, vice president of the World Methodist Council, and a member of the general board of the National Council of Churches.

He is president of the United States & Foreign Securities Corp., and a director of eight industrial firms and banks.

METHODISM, SCOUTS HAVE CLOSE TIES

Boy Scout Sunday will be observed on Feb. 10 as part of the 53rd anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. On this day each year Boy Scouts, in uniform, attend church services with their parents.

The Methodist churches in America sponsor over 13,000 Scout units — involving over 350,000 boys and over 100,000 adult leaders appointed by the churches that sponsor them. Methodists sponsor more Scout units than any other religious denomination.

The total number of boys presently participating in scouting is estimated at 3,830,000. This includes 1,837,000 Cub Scouts (ages 8-10), 1,685,000 Boy Scouts (ages 11-17), and 308,000 Explorers (ages 14-17).

W. S. Bozeman Elected To Missions' Post

The Rev. W. S. Bozeman, pastor of First Church, Tampa, was elected vice chairman of the Conference Board of Missions at the agency's semi-annual meeting.

He replaces the Rev. C. Durward McDonell, Tampa District superintendent, who became ineligible to hold a board office when he was appointed to the superintendency last June.

G. B. Hogan, Jr., a layman of Pompano Beach, was elected to the board's executive committee to fill a vacancy.

District Sends 2,270 Blankets to Algerians

Orlando Ditrict Methodists purchased 2,145 blankets and donated 125 more to the emergency appeal for Algeria.

Every church in the district participated in the drive held during December, reported the Rev. Bruce F. Gannaway, district superintendent. He said $4,290 was raised to purchase blankets through the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. MCOR can buy blankets in quantity at $2 each.

Church World Service reported two weeks ago that 30,000 blankets have been sent to the Algerians as part of the country-wide drive to collect 65,000. In addition, 504 pounds of serum valued at $45,425 was sent to aid the needy Algerians ward off the effects of the cold.

Korea 'Ripe Field'

There is perhaps no riper field for Christianity in the Far East than South Korea, said Methodist Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss., upon his recent return from a tour of Methodist work in the Far East.

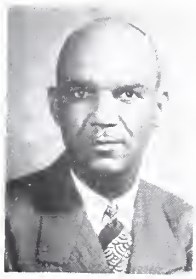
Bishop Franklin said he was impressed by the vigor and size of Methodist institutions in South Korea and by the ability of the leaders.

Bethune-Cookman College President And His Family Cited in 'Together'

(Editor's Note—February 10 is observed by Methodists as Race Relations Day. Part of the observance of that day is devoted to recognition and support of our fine Negro colleges. Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach has always been close to the heart of Florida Methodists. We have also pledged our support to the building of the Gilbert-Lambuth Chapel at Paine College in Augusta, Ga., where one of our own ministers — Dr. E. Clayton Calhoun — serves as president. The following article, written by a trustee of Bethune-Cookman College for more than 20 years, pays tribute to Dr. Richard V. Moore, president of Bethune-Cookman. Mr. Moore is currently president of the American Teachers Association.)

By LEE NICHOLS

The February issue of **Together** carries a tribute to the family of Dr. Richard V. Moore, president of Bethune-Cookman College. On page 23, under "Unusual Methodists" is the item: "Educators' Educator." A two-column picture of Mr. Moore and four of his 11-member family is carried in the magazine. The article pays tribute to the entire Moore family, all of whom are active in education and in Methodism.



Moore

Mr. Moore, who is 56 years old, came to the presidency of Bethune-Cookman in 1947 from the State Department of Education. He had previously served with distinction as a high school teacher-coach in Pinellas County schools and as principal at Panama City and Pensacola.

Progress of the college under his administration has been spectacular. Bethune-Cookman was the first fully accredited historically Negro college in the state. Its relationship with the church has been strengthened each year — so much so that Bishop M. Lafayette Harris stated after a week on the campus recently: "There is a spirit of devotion to Christ on this campus that I could wish for on every campus in the nation. It is the best that I know of anywhere."

Mr. Moore does not see the day when Bethnue-Cookman College will be other than a predominantly Negro college. Under his guidance, the college is dedicated to the training of highly qualified teachers who will go back into public education and help disadvantaged youth catch up as their race strives for dignity and first-class citizenship. Nearly 90 per cent of recent graduates are in public school education.

The Bethune-Cookman president and his family are honored and respected widely, and his place in Daytona Beach is one of commanding leadership. The local community is giving the college increasing support each year and race relations in the community are exceptionally good.

The college has become the kind of school under Mr. Moore's administration which caused a northern senior on the campus to exclaim recently: "Why should I want to attend a predominantly white school in my own state when I can come here and learn something of the great heroes of my own race in its struggle for freedom and dignity!" There are 33 such students out of 725 students now on the campus.

Christian education, Mr. Moore feels, actually is providing the right answer to the racial problems which are plaguing the nation. He is grateful for the steadily increasing support of the church through its Race Relations Day offerings, but believes the amount would be increased greatly if Florida Methodists only knew the true significance of the work.

This Our Goal:

"As we heard the reports of the different divisions and missionaries . . . we sensed even more the important role our church is playing in the salvation of the world."

These words were written at the close of the annual meeting of the Methodist Board of Missions at Cincinnati, Ohio, by the Rev. Gerald McCray, pastor of the Bowling Green Church and a recent missionary to Nome, Alaska.

"We also saw that each member of the Methodist Church is challenged to out-witness, out-love, out-live, and out-die the people of the world in order to win them," he continued.

AVERAGE METHODIST GIVES MISSIONS 5 CENTS A WEEK

Among the highlights of the Jan. 15-17 meeting was a report that Methodists' giving for missions was the highest in history—$33,442,000 — but that the average member gives only 5 cents a week for this purpose.

In 1962 the average Methodist gave $2.79 for missions, while in 1961 the figure was $2.73. Single largest source of missionary income was the annual pledge of the Woman's Societies of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guilds. This giving increased $285,000 to $9,965,000, or 31 per cent of the total Board of Missions' income.

METHODISTS IN CUBA CONTINUE TO WITNESS

The Methodist Church in Cuba is continuing a strong ministry, the Rev. Eugene L. Stockwell, New York, told the board. Mr. Stockwell, who spoke at the 11 district conferences in Florida this year, is the board's executive secretary for Latin America.

"No Methodist church in Cuba has closed," he said, even though all U.S. missionaries have been evacuated and many of the Cuban pastors have fled. He noted that dedicated laymen have risen to tasks they did not dream of before the Castro regime.

"Perhaps the most inspiring thing is the way Cuban youth, toward whom Castro has directed so much indoctrination effort, have responded to the call for two years of full-time church-work at subsistence support. The

To Out-Witness, Out-Love, Out-Die People of World

Pictured while attending the annual meeting of the Methodist Board of Missions in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Jan. 15-17 were (from left): The Rev. Don Cooke, Evanston, Ill., general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance; the Rev. A. A. Almond, New York, treasurer of the Division of World Missions; Mrs. H. V. Weems, Sebring, member of the Board of Missions; the Rev. Millard Cleveland, St. Petersburg, member of the Board of Missions; and the Rev. Gerald T. McCray, Bowling Green, former missionary to Nome, Alaska. Others from the conference attending the meeting were Miss Edna Floy Brown, Ft. Meade, missionary on furlough from Sarawak; the Rev. and Mrs. Hunter Jackson, Plant City, missionaries from Southern Rhodesia; Miss Betty Ruth Goode, Nashville, Tenn., deaconess; and Miss Loraine Buck, missionary from Cuba now working at the Miami Latin Center.

response to this call has been enthusiastic and beyond the expectation of many in the church . . . "

Mr. Stockwell called on American Christians to support their fellow Christians in Cuba with concern, prayer and financial aid.

Political difficulties that arise between nations do not relieve concerned Christians on both sides of a responsibility to maintain as close touch as possible for those who undergo hardship. We strive to maintain people-to-people and church-to-church relationships, which may help both the Cuban Christians and us to a relevant witness."

CHURCH CONTINUES MINISTRY IN REVOLUTIONARY AFRICA

The Methodist Church has continued to render its ministry, insofar as it is able, in areas of conflict and tension in Africa, reported the Rev. C. Melvin Blake, executive secretary for Africa.

"Frustration, sorrow, panic, bewilderment and death are the lot of those who serve in the name of Christ under most difficult circumstances in revolutionary Africa," Mr. Blake said. "But through the darkness there shines the eternal light of the Gospel. The Christian church was born out of struggle, suffering and persecution. The story is recorded in the pages of the New Testament. All that I can finally say of the church in Africa today is that the story of the New Testament is being repeated again and again in and through the lives of missionaries and their African co-laborers."

CITIES MAY DETERMINE FATE OF CIVILIZATION

The fate of American civilization may not be decided in Cuba or Berlin, or even in outer space, but in the "concrete jungles" of America's cities, the top home missions leader of the Methodist Church asserted.

H. Conwell Snoke, Philadelphia, general secretary of the Division of National Missions, declared: "In the city, the church is being challenged for its very existence. It has been moving out and its ministry weakened at the very time when it is most needed. The statistics on crime are too well known to require recording here. Each year the record is darker. The fate of our American civilization may well be decided in these urban concrete jungles."

CONGREGATIONS ORGANIZED AT SLIGHTLY FASTER RATE

The need for new congregations throughout America is one of the most important problems facing the Methodist Church, reported the Rev. B. F. Murphy, executive director of church extension.

He noted that the church is making progress in this area, although it has fallen far short of its goal of 400 new churches a year. In the last three years, he said, new churches have been started at an average rate of 166 a year as compared with an average of 139 for the preceding eight years.

NUMBER OF MISSIONARIES CONTINUES TO DECLINE

The number of Methodist missionaries continues to decline despite an increased demand for them. The Rev. M. O. Williams called upon the Board of Missions to "summon our church to confront its ablest men and women with those opportunities for redemptive service and to provide the resources to make this service possible."

On Nov. 30 the Division of World Missions had 1,096 missionaries in service. That was below the corresponding number for 1959, 1960 and 1961 and below the quota of 1,125 set as a goal for 1962. A major factor in the reduction, Mr. Williams said, was the withdrawal or taking of leave-of-absence by 26 missionaries because of disturbed political conditions. Twenty of those were missionaries to the Congo.

The number of overseas special-term missionaries is of special concern, he said. For example, on a goal of 25 men during the last three years, the actual number recruited was 14 in 1959 and 1960, and 12 in 1961 and 1962.

CHURCH SHOULD STEP UP TRAINING OF LAYMEN

That laymen have had to assume much of the leadership of the church in China and Cuba since the Communist takeover indicates that Protestant churches should immediately step-up their teaching of laymen, especially in the mission field, a Methodist mission strategist declared.

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Miami Holds Second Educational Seminar

The second educational seminar for the Miami District was held at Bryan Memorial Church Jan. 16 when the studies "Prayer" and "Today's Children for Tomorrow's World," were presented. There were two sections on each study, and an additional presentation for workers with youth on "Persons of Special Need."

Also included in the program was "Operation E.P.D." (effective program development), which demonstrated such aids as rhythmic choir, a parade of publications, and group climate presentation.

Another 15-minute period was devoted to recruiting with costumed workers from the areas of work under the Woman's Division around the world.

Aid Lit-Lit Program

The Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Board of Missions, representing almost 1,800,000 Methodist women, voted Jan. 10 in Cincinnati, to pledge $500,000 to an ecumenical program of Christian literature production around the world.

Members of Jacksonville District Wesleyan Service Guild celebrated the Christmas season with their annual tea for the Methodist Community Center. Left to right are Mrs. Tracy Sechrest, member, Lakeshore Wesleyan Service Guild; Miss Helen Fennema, director, Methodist Community Center; Mrs. Clyde McIntyre, district chairman of supply work, WSG; and Mrs. Ralph Perkins, president, board of directors, Methodist Community Center.

Annual Tea Sponsored for Brewster Hospital

The Jacksonville District Woman's Society of Christian Service were sponsors of the annual Christmas Tea for Brewster Methodist Hospital, Dec. 12.

Miniature Christmas trees presented by the local societies decorated the room, and afterward were placed in the hospital rooms for the enjoyment of the patients.

Following the invocation by the Rev. J. M. McLeod, superintendent of the Jacksonville District, a program of Christmas music was presented by members of the hospital personnel, under the direction of Mrs. E. W. Hurley, director of hospital volunteers.

Receiving the guests were Mrs. E. B. White, member of the Board of Evangelism; Mrs. McLeod; Mrs. H. E. Zink, president of the Jacksonville District Society; Mrs. R. V. Rains, conference secretary of spiritual life; Mrs. L. F. Shore, conference treasurer; past district presidents, Mrs. D. C. Dawkins, Mrs. L. W. Harwood, Mrs. Sam A. Graham, Mrs. R. Atwil Wilson, Mrs. A. M. Elder, and Mrs. Ralph Perkins, all of Jacksonville; and Mrs. Maxie B. Lowe, Dunnellon, conference secretary of literature and publications.

South Miami WSCS Named 'Club of Year' by Newspaper

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church, South Miami, has been awarded the "Club of the Year Award" by the **Miami News.**

This top community award was made in recognition of the establishment of a kindergarten to serve the pre-school children of the Negro community in South Miami. The kindergarten was inaugurated to correct a recognized lack of school readiness among the Negro children.

This is a pilot project promoted by the Commission on Christian Social Concerns of First Church when it was learned that the children of the Negro community were not prepared for first grade level work upon entering school.

Members of the WSCS conduct the daily kindergarten sessions in the Mount Olive Baptist Church, volunteering the work and material. Thirty-five pupils are thus served daily.

The project has received the full cooperation of the community it serves and it is hoped that this will be an encouragement for other communities to start action for a kindergarten program.

Born and Reared Southerner Gives Intimate Thoughts on Racial Charter

(Editor's Note—By an 11 to 7 vote, the executive committee of the Tallahassee District of the Woman's Society of Christian Service voted Nov.19 to ratify the 1962 Revised Charter of Racial Policies adopted by the Woman's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions at its annual meeting one year ago. In reporting this action, Mrs. D. L. Hood of Tallahassee gave an intimate account of her own feelings as the vote was taken. Her vote, though qualified, was an honest one, and we here share her thoughts with you.)

By REBECCA HOLD

"When I first read the charter, ll of the "We Believes" were ead without much contemplation ecause they are affirmed in uch of our literature — church chool and WSCS publications. owever, I slowed down when I eached the "We Wills" and opped completely on at least vo. Since the first reading, I ave spent much time in rereadng, soul-searching and prayer nd until after lunch on the 19th f November I continued to say myself and other individuals hat I thought it would be better we could ratify the charter by dividual items in the "We Will" ection. Since that was not the ay it was presented to the conrence and in turn to the district fficers, I felt frustrated — beause as much and as strongly as believed and wanted to try to o most of the objectives — I dn't see how I could reach all of them in my own family situation.

At the beginning of our committee meeting of the district officers, Mrs. (Lyon B.) Crosby asked if we wanted to consider the charter before lunch or after lunch. It was decided to wait until after lunch (and, even then, the discussion was on finding a replacement for our chairman of Christian social relations). When a discussion of the charter came up — and it seemed that then was the time to take the vote—several made statements; and even though we all did not agree, everyone respected the other's right and privilege to feel as she did and it was all done in "The Spirit of Love."

There is no doubt in my mind that the Holy Spirit was moving among us, and I hesitate to say what the vote might have been if we had taken it before lunch. I know that I was in a state of indecision until just before we reconvened. Like a bolt from the blue, I realized that not only could I affirm the policy for future activities; but the ones that I was most concerned about, I had already, with my family, participated in.

Each year our local secretary of student work encourages us to invite into our homes international students who attend Florida State University. Before Christmas of 1961, I asked my husband if we could invite some of the students to have dinner with us. He said yes, but I would not have been able to do so without his cooperation — as well as that of two daughters who were home from college, and another teen-aged daughter and an eight-year-old son. We invited a boy from Free China, a boy from India, and a couple with a small baby from Pakistan. Since I have a cousin living in Tallahassee who was chairman of our church circle, we invited her also — and we had a wonderful experience.

I believe I am as liberal minded as anyone born and raised in the South, but even with my attitudes I have not seen that "other races and cultures" includes more than just those of the Negro race. In reexamining the charter, I found that it says other races and cultures—not all races and cultures. Our family has made a step—the step that I feel God presented to us. I hope and pray that when the next step is opened to us, we will be ready to meet the challenge which that step offers.

mory Nursing School o Receive WDCS Aid

The School of Nursing at Emory niversity, Atlanta, Ga., is now filiated with the Woman's Dision of Christian Service and ll receive $50,000 over the next ve years to strengthen nurses' aining. Affiliation between the oman's Division and the Emory hool completes negotiations hich have been in process for veral years, but was not consuated under the Woman's Divion policy until racial integration as achieved at the school. Emory w admits qualified Negro stunts.

pportunities for Women

Church and society have been w to recognize the usefulness women in places of administrain and policy-making, a leader the church's corps of professnal women workers said in Cinnati, Jan. 12. Even so, she ded, it is still the church that ovides the greatest opportunis for women to give expression word and deed to great ideas.

Here Are the 'We Wills' of the Charter

1. Commit ourselves as individuals called by Jesus Christ to witness by word and deed to the basic rights of every person regardless of cost.
2. Unite our efforts with all groups in the church toward eliminating in The Methodist Church all forms of segregation based on race whether in basic structure or institutional life.
3. Create in local churches opportunities for inclusive fellowship and membership without restriction based on race.
4. Act with other groups and agencies to involve families in new experiences with other races and cultures.
5. Share in creative plans that challenge youth, students and young adults of all races to new understanding of the Church's mission and ministries.
6. Interpret and strengthen recruitment and employment practices of the Woman's Division consistent with our belief in the oneness of God's family.
7. Open the facilities and services of all Woman's Division institutions without restrictions based on race and make such policies clearly known.
8. Establish all Schools of Missions and Christian Service and all leadership development and enrichment programs on a regional basis without restriction based on race.
9. Seek to change community patterns of racial segregation in all relationships including education, housing, voting, employment and public facilities.
10. Work for national policies that safeguard the rights of all the nation's people.
11. Support world-wide movements for basic human rights and fundamental freedoms for peoples everywhere.
12. Join with others who seek in church and community justice and freedom for all members of the family of God.

News From The Churches

CHURCH HONORS L. S. HOLLIS

First Church, Tampa, recently dedicated a church school library in memory of L. S. Hollis who was killed in 1958 while making volunteer electrical repairs for the church. Mr. Hollis was the husband of Mrs. Margaret Hollis, who is now conference director of children's work. She participated in the service by giving the prayer of dedication. The library was furnished by the Wesley Fellowship Class of which Mr. Hollis was a member.

. . . Six-acre church site

EAST ORLANDO ORGANIZES

East Orlando Church organized on Dec. 23 with some 60 members. Pastor of the new church is the Rev. Cecil Radcliff, Jr., is pictured above (on right) with the Rev. Bruce Gannaway, Orlando District superintendent, at the six-acre site the district has purchased on which the church will later be built. A parsonage has also been bought and furnished for the pastor. The congregation is presently meeting in the Cheney Highway Elementary School.

HOLDS FIRST VOCATIONS DINNER

The first annual Gainesville District Christian Vocations Dinner was held Dec. 28 at First Church, Gainesville, under the leadership of the Rev. Robert F. Hays, Ocala, chairman of the district Christian vocations committee. Guest speaker was the Rev. M. M. Meredith, pastor of First Church, Lake City.

DOWN WITH THE OLD, UP WITH NEW

Callahan Church recently held a memorial service for its 52-year-old sanctuary at 11 a.m. on Sunday and then at 3 p.m. held a groundbreaking to start construction on a new sanctuary. The Rev. Nelson P. Moyer, pastor at Trinity Church, Jacksonville, and a former pastor at Callahan, preached the memorial service. The Rev. J. Milburn McLeod, Jacksonville District superintendent, spoke at the groundbreaking. The Rev. B. A. Williamson, pastor, said the old building will be razed to make way for the new building.

10 DENOMINATIONS REPRESENTED

Ten denominations from 15 different states were represented in the organization day service of Trinity Church, North Port Charlotte, on Nov. 19. The Rev. Harry H. Waller, Sarasota District superintendent, and the Rev. Alva A. Soldner received 67 persons into membership. The membership ha since grown to 80, Mr. Soldner reports, and on Jan 7 the Woman's Society of Christian Service wa officially organized with 33 charter members. Worl first began on the church last May when Mr. Sold ner made a survey of 275 families residing in th city. The first service was held in the communit center on June 10 with 46 persons present.

'TAKES A LITTLE LONGER'

Ridge Manor Church, serving a communit made up largely of retired people, shares an ex perience with similar churches throughout Flor ida — improvements are made slowly when virtual ly all of the members are on low, fixed income They are currently installing two $4,000 five-to units for air conditioning and additional heat. "I takes a little longer to make the necessary im provements," reports E. F. Kelley, "but with th help of the Lord we always make it."

PRAYER VIGIL FOR CUBANS

Forty members of First Church, DeLand, par ticipated in a 12-hour prayer vigil for world peac and the liberation of the Cuban people at the alta of the church recently. The Rev. George W. Wise man conducted periods of directed prayer at var ious times, and the Rev. Julio Gomez led a specia service in Spanish for Cubans living in DeLand There were some Roman Catholics among th group that attended.

. . . Among Charter Members

BROADWAY HAS 40th ANNIVERSARY

Broadway Church, Orlando, recently celebrate its 40th Anniversary. Six charter members sti remain and four attended the service. They ar (left to right) Miss Mae Blair, Stanley Smith, Mr Don Newcomer and Mrs. Blanche Lawton. Un able to attend were George Allen and Mortime Smith.

IRA CARGOS HONORED

St. Cloud Church held an appreciation servic and reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Ira Cargo o Dec. 30 as he concluded six years as associate pas tor of the church and requested release from th staff. The Cargos bought a home in St. Cloud i 1954 after 46 years of active service in the Detro Conference.

Deaconess Board Draws Plans for 75th Anniversary Observance

The two major projects of the lorida Conference Deaconess oard in observing the 75th Aniversary Year of the deaconess ıovement in the U.S. will be delopment of a color slide proram and a brochure.

The slide program will depict ervices of the deaconesses in the lorida Conference, and the brohure will give their personal estimonies on why they chose to ecome a deaconess.

The board is also urging church roups throughout Florida to observe the anniversary year with dramatic presentations, deaconess speakers, and various audio-visual materials — including the film on deaconess work, "Make All Things New."

Special programs featuring the anniversary year will also be a part of the annual meeting of the Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service in April and the Florida Annual Conference in June.

Every church in the conference is urged by the board to use the Feb. 17 "Church Bulletin." This bulletin will lift up deaconess work. It also suggested that Feb. 17 would be a good day to have a special recognition service for active or retired deaconesses.

Visits to places where deaconesses serve in the conference was also recommended to help point up opportunities for girls considering such work. These include Wesley Community House, Key West; Miami Latin Center; Rosa Valdez and Wolff Settlements, Tampa; and the Jacksonville Community Center.

National Methodist periodicals will be highlighting deaconess work this year. Among these are **Together**, with features and pictures in the February issue; **Christian Advocate**, a special article by Dr. Otis Young in February and additional news items throughout the year, **The Methodist Layman, The Methodist Woman** and **World Outlook.**

Miss Ruth Mayhall, Tampa, secretary of the Florida Conference Deaconess Board, pointed out that the prime objective of the 75th Anniversary Year observance is to enlist 75 new deaconess candidates into the movement.

HURCH and WORLD

By GEORGE HILL
Minister of World Affairs
Palma Ceia Church, Tampa

QUESTION—What is the best ay to keep Red China from enngering civilization as they rise power, especially their progress th missiles?

ANSWER — Safeguarded world sarmament under international ntrol is one way. But along th or prior to that development, other force must be employed.

Where there is hatred, sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

These words of St. Francis deribe real force — the **only** efctive force for dealing decively with evil in today's world. else is stop-gap at best if it es not help to overcome evil th good. When we church peo- take seriously the realities at we talk about, we will create limate in which our nation can lp God save the world.

t's a big job. But we've got a nderful learning opportunity at r doorstep right now — **Cuba.** we can save Cuba with acts of e and spiritual power (rather an destroy it by starvation and version) we will be fit for big- things.

Interbay Church Cited For Work with Military

The Interbay Church, Tampa, has been cited for its ministry to military personnel and their families by Dr. Stewart Patterson, general secretary, and Bishop Paul N. Garber, chairman of the Commission on Camp Activities, Washington, D. C.

The citation reads:

"The Interbay Methodist Church is to be commended for its interest and desire to be of service to the many people in its community. Contacts with the command office have been noted. Also we have noted the spread of activities and we feel that you have a good program underway. This is the kind of information we are happy to receive and to pass the ideas along to others who are inquiring as to what programs they are to develop."

The Rev. Charles Hutchins, pastor, said Mr. Patterson will visit the church to see the program first hand in April.

$1.10 A Week for Church

Methodists contributed an average of $1.10 a week to their church during 1961, according to a stewardship report published by the National Council of Churches. Average giving for the 48 major denominations is $1.35 a week.

Article in Quarterly

"Castro Changes The Face of Miami" is the title of an article appearing in the January-March Wesley Quarterly for adult Sunday school classes. It is written by the Rev. Harold Buell, formerly pastor at White Temple Church, Miami, and the Rev. Luis Diaz de Arce, associate pastor at First Church, Bartow, and on the faculty of Florida Southern College.

WANTED: OLD FLORIDA CONFERENCE JOURNALS— I am collecting Journals and have all from 1886 except 1887, 1888, 1902, and 1942. I will buy these and any before 1886; also any St. Johns River Conference Journals. I have a number of duplicates in some years if anyone else needs some. (Rev.) Allen E. Bartlett, 822 Howard St., Clearwater, Florida.

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Bishop Henley Announces 13 New Appointments

Thirteen pastoral changes in the Florida Conference have been announced by Bishop Henley and his cabinet. The appointments were effective Jan. 1.

The Rev. Alonzo Davis was appointed associate minister of First Church, St. Petersburg, following his transfer from North Carolina, and the Rev. Lawrence Coles, a transfer from Alabama, was named associate pastor of the Pasadena Community Church in St. Petersburg.

The Rev. Luther Stokes was moved from the Sopchoppy-Crawfordville circuit in the Tallahassee district to the Monticello pastorate. He succeeds the Rev. James T. Tompkins, who has been named supervisor of chaplains in state institutions.

The Rev. Richard M. Sprague was transferred from Holden Heights Church, Orlando, to the Sopchoppy-Crawfordville circuit. His successor at Holden Heights will be named later.

The Rev. Ralph Jones of Englewood was appointed pastor of Tice Church in Fort Myers, succeeding the Rev. Wesley Kersh, who returned to Chicago.

The Rev. A. G. Hardee, High Springs, was appointed to Englewood, and is succeeded by the Rev. Arthur A. Reppenhagen, Jr., who was associate pastor of First Church in New Smryna Beach.

The Rev. Cecil Radcliff, Jr., was named pastor of the newly organized East Orlando Methodist Church.

The Rev. Thomas DeFoy was appointed to the Taft-Livingston Memorial Church, Orlando, to relieve the Rev. R. W. Blanchard, who is ill.

In the Sarasota District, the Rev. Douglas Ingram was appointed to the Nocatee pastorate, and the Rev. Arthur Doninger to Estero.

2 Florida TV Stations Begin 'Breakthru' Films

Two Florida TV stations have begun showing the "Breakthru" series for children between ages 9 through 11. Parents are urged to view the 13-week series with their children and to discuss each program's content with them for maximum benefits.

The Television, Radio and Film Commission's "placement profile" shows that WLOF-TV, Orlando started the series on Jan. 20. It is showing at 3:30 p.m. Sunday. WLDW-TV, Miami, starts the series Feb. 3. It will be shown at 1 p.m. on Sundays.

Births

Nov. 18—A son, Mark Allan, to the Rev. and Mrs. Allan B. Dinsmore, Jr., in Atlanta, where he is a senior in the Candler School of Theology.

Jan. 3—A son, Charles Vaughan, to the Rev. and Mrs. Gerald E. Martell, Sunset Heights Church, Plant City.

CALENDAR

Feb. 9-16—MYF UN-Washington Seminar.

Feb. 10—Race Relations Sunday.

Feb. 11-14—"Our Mission Today" Regional Study Conference, Washington, D.C.

Feb. 20-21—Vacation Church School Coaching Conference, Lakeland.

Feb. 24—World Service Sunday in Church School.

Feb. 27—Ash Wednesday.

Recreation Workshops For Adults, Youth Planned for March

A Recreation Workshop for Adults to train recreation leaders for children's groups through older adults will be held at the Leesburg Youth Camp on March 15-17, beginning Friday evening and lasting through noon on Sunday. Cost is $8.50.

Areas to be offered include creative activities, creative dramatics, folk dancing, group games, banquets and theme parties, music and song leading, nature lore and crafts.

Tanner

Howard Tanner of Handcrafters, Waupun, Wisc., will be general resource leader in crafts.

The Southeastern Recreation Workshop of the Methodist Church will be held March 20-27. Cost of this workshop is $48. It offers a full week of concentrated recreational leadership under outstanding instructors.

A Florida Conference Recreational Workshop for Youth will be held at the youth camp March 29-31. Cost of this weekend workshop is $7.50. It offers recreational leadership training in areas from party planning to song leading.

Registration blanks for all three workshops are available from the Board of Education, Box 78, Lakeland, Florida.

MYF Sends Blankets

The Warren Willis Sub-District (Plant City) of the Methodist Youth Foundation recently sent 14 blankets to Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief to help protect homeless Algerians from freezing to death in this year's severe cold.

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Deaths

The Rev. C. C. Martin

The Rev. C. C. Martin, 62, Miccosukee, died Jan. 16. He served in the Florida Conference for 29 years prior to his retirement in 1947. Among the churches served were Honeyville (1933), New Life Circuit (1938), Fenholloway Mission (1940), Leon Mission (1941), Waldo (1944), Cedar Keys (1945), Coleman (1947), Garden City (1950), Callahan (1953), Baldwin-Bryceville (1955), and Friendship, Clearwater (1956). He is survived by his wife, six children, 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The Rev. T. R. Adams

The Rev. Thomas R. Adams, 81, died Dec. 30 at his home in Lakeland. He was a retired Methodist minister, serving 40 years in Florida. His pastorates included Sebastian (1907), assistant at Hastings (1910), Kingston (1911), Fort Lauderdale (1913), Madison Circuit (1914), Mayo (1918), Alachua (1922); Fleming Street, Key West (1926), Williston (1927), Pine Castle and Loughman (1929), Seminole (1930), Okeechobee (1932), Boca Grande (1934), Dunnellon (1936), Mulberry (1940), Silver Palm (1944) and Orlo Vista-Ocoee (1946). He retired in 1948. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mae Morrow Adams; two sons, William C. Adams, Amhurst, Va., and Albert R. Adams, Lakeland; one daughter, Mrs. I. G. Shier, Orlando; five grandchildren and two great-granchildren.

Mrs. Margaret Cook

Mrs. Margaret Peace Cook, 93, Micanopy, died Dec. 30, following a long illness. She was the wife of the late Rev. C. E. Cook, who died in 1948. She is survived by a brother, H. C. Peace, Micanopy; four step-children, Mrs. Annella Palmer and Mrs. Carrie Baughman, Lake Worth; Mrs. Margaret Fultz, Keniwitz, Wash., and James W. Cook, Lake Worth; and several step-grandchildren.

Mrs. W. B. Tresca

Mrs. W. B. (Carrie) Tresca, 87, died Dec. 23 at her home in Palmetto. She was the widow of the late Rev. W. B. Tresca, who served 35 years as a minister in Florida Methodist Churches before his death in 1931. She was a member of the First Methodist Church of Palmetto for 77 years and a life member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She is survived by a son, Warren Tresca, Palmetto; five daughters, Mrs. Joe Zeller, Palmetto; Mrs. A. A. Rahner, Edgefield, S.C.; Mrs. W. Y. Laing, Jacksonville; Mrs. F. Norman Bowles, Durham, N.C.; and Mrs. Don H. Johnston, Sarasota; two sisters, Mrs. Jesse Nettles, Gainesville, and Mrs. Ethel H. Strong, Los Angeles; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. B. F. Lawhern

Mrs. B. F. Lawhern, 89, Lakeland, died on Nov. 23. She was a member of College Heights Church and widow of the Rev. B. F. Lawhern, a Methodist minister in Florida who died in 1930. She is survived by a granddaughter, Mrs. E. L. Craft, Lakeland, and a brother, Forrest Zimmer, Londonville, N. Y.

Mr. Oscar Lloyd Waller

Mr. Oscar Lloyd Waller died in Atlanta, Ga., on Dec. 31. He was a brother of the Rev. Harry H. Waller, superintendent of the Sarasota District, and the Rev. Jesse E. Waller, pastor of First Church, Clearwater. Mr. Waller, an active member of Northside Methodist Church in Atlanta, requested that his funeral be conducted in the church so that in death he could testify to his faith in Christ and his love for his church. Other survivors include his widow, Mrs. Rosa Mae Stevens Waller; a sister, Miss Minnie Lee Waller, Macon, Ga.; and one brother, B. I. Waller, Jr., of Macon.

Southern Accepting Fall Applications

Florida Southern College, Lakeland, is now accepting applications of high school seniors for the fall semester.

William B. Mundy, director of admissions, said prospective freshmen and transfers from junior colleges should get their applications soon.

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Conference Loan Fund Has Only One-Half of Amount Needed by Churches Seeking To Start New Buildings

By HENRY W. BLACKBURN
Executive Secretary
Church Extension

Florida churches requested $471,000 in loans to build new buildings from the Conference and General Boards of Missions and Church Extension at grant meetings during January.

The conference was asked to furnish $253,000 in loans through the Conference Loan Fund or Florida Southern College Endowment Fund. The loan fund has less than half the money needed to meet these requests — and other churches will be making applications from month to month.

This condition points up the urgent need for immediate payment of the Conference Loan Fund.

District superintendents, pastors, district missionary secretaries, finance commission chairmen and chairmen of commissions on missions will be majoring on paying this item in the church budget during the next four months. Church treasurers are urged to be sure to make regular payments to the church extension loan fund when sending remittances to the Conference Treasurer.

Florida churches also requested $218,000 in loans from the Division of National Missions and the Methodist Investment Fund.

NORMANDY VILLAGE OFF TO GOOD START

The youngest church in the Jacksonville District, Normandy Village, was organized on Dec. 16. It has 71 members, an average attendance of 85 and a Sunday school with an average attendance of 115, according to a recent report by the Rev. William Rhoads, pastor. Plans are being drawn for a first unit to be built on a four-acre site.

OUTGROWS PARSONAGE FOR WORSHIP SERVICES

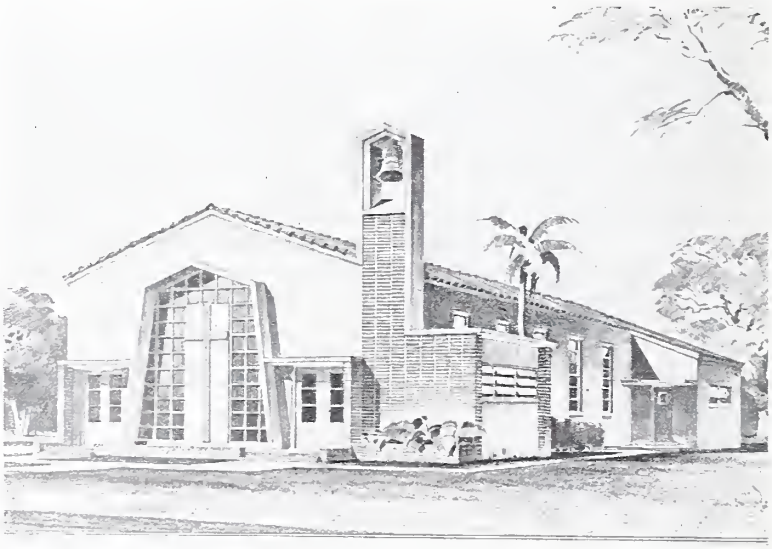
Members of the newly-formed St. Paul Church, Largo, have been forced to move to a nearby school building in order to accommodate their growing congregation—which could no longer fit into the parsonage. The number of persons attending worship each Sunday exceeds the membership of 81 and the Sunday school required more adequate facilities. This ambitious young congregation is planning a $46,000 building for their spacious site in the northern part of Largo. The Rev. David G. Hortin is pastor.

CAPE CORAL ORGANIZES WITH 113 MEMBERS

The Rev. Royal Page and the Rev. Walter F. Day, co-pastors of the Cape Coral Church, report a charter membership list of 113 persons. The church already has a choir, Methodist Youth Fellowship, Woman's Society of Christian Service, and a growing Sunday school. It had plans for a building fund drive in January following a most successful Loyalty Sunday observance in December. Services are held in the Cape Coral Yacht Club building, but plans are being made for a first unit building on their site which was secured through the cooperation of the District Board of Church Extension and Missions.

15 ANNUITY CONTRACTS SIGNED IN 6 MONTHS

At the recent meeting of the Board of Missions and Church Extension at First Church, Lakeland, the executive secretary reported 15 annuity contracts have been signed during the first half of the Conference Year. The total amount of annuities presented to the Board of Missions during the past three years is $140,000. Annuity applications should be sent to the Rev. Henry W. Blackburn, P.O. Box 2478, Lakeland, Florida.



GRACE CHURCH, TAMPA

Grace Church, Tampa, Dedicates Sanctuary

A service of dedication for the sanctuary of Grace Church, Tampa, was held on Dec. 16. Bishop James W. Henley preached the dedication sermon.

Others taking part in the service included the Rev. Durward McDonell, district superintendent, the Rev. R. L. Allen, and the Rev. M. A. Sensenbrenner, pastor.

Grace Church was formed in 1956 by combining Orient Park and Uceta churches. Mr. Allen served the Tampa District as district superintendent during this period.

Mr. Sensenbrenner said, "In 1956 — at the June Conference — Dr. Allen said, 'I am sending you to Grace Church in Tampa—your job is to unite two peoples and build a church'—now it is six and a half years later — and the job is completed.

"Now I want to express my thanks to all of you for the wonderful way you labored together and with me in making Grace Church what it is — a living and useful part of this community."

Three lots had been purchased for the new location of the combined churches. The former Uceta Church building was moved to the site to serve as sanctuary until the new church was built.

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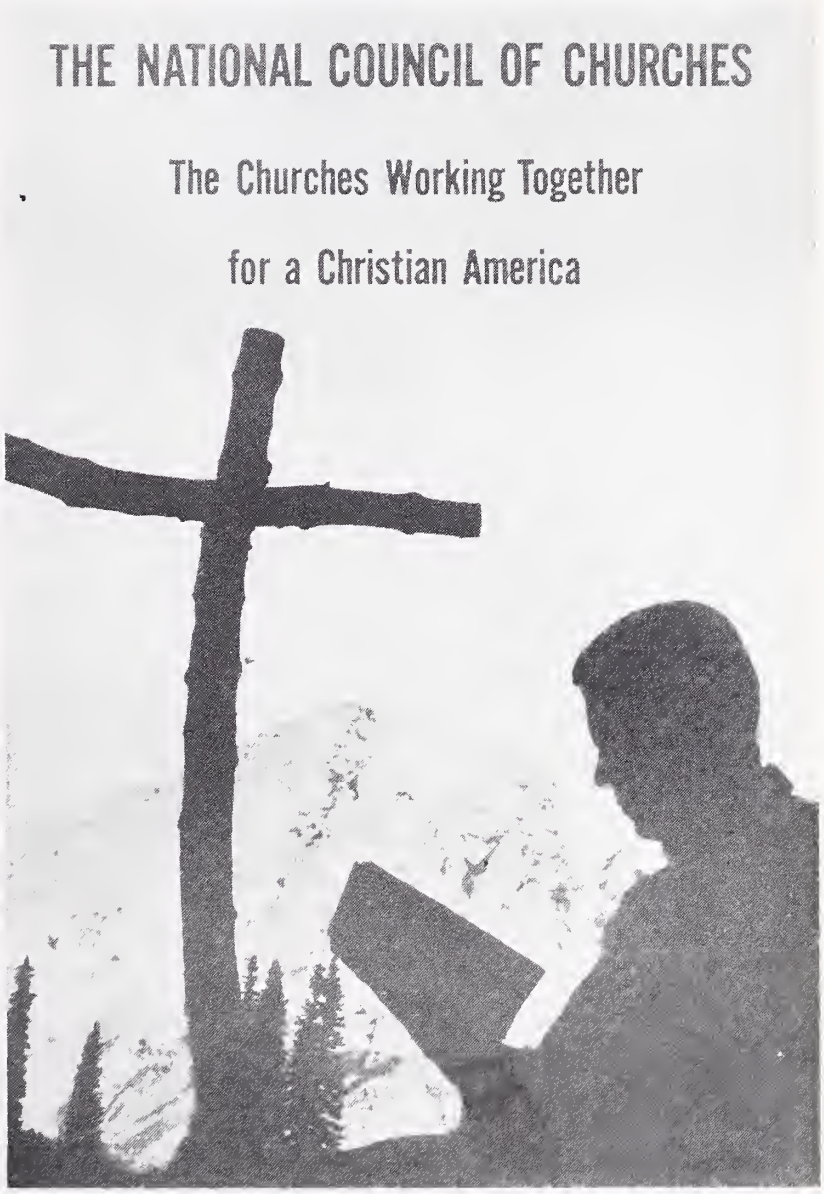

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The Bishop Calls—

Dear Friends:

We have been having some bad weather — for Florida, that is. However, the work of the church moves forward. Dr. Henry W. Blackburn writes me that receipts on pledges to the Conference Loan Fund are coming in most encouragingly. It begins to look like most of our districts, if not all, will have paid out in full before Annual Conference in June.

In the important area of evangelism we are experiencing almost unanimous cooperation. Ministers and people of Methodism throughout the length and breadth of this conference have been praying and planning for this crusade to reach men and women with the gospel of Christ's redeeming love. I predict that February, March, and April, 1963, will provide the largest ingathering of souls into the Christian Fellowship of the church that the Florida Conference has even known in a similar period.

On Jan. 19 I attended the mid-year meeting of the Board of Lay Activities in Sarasota. It was a thrilling experience. The programs for the three laymen's retreats this fall were outlined in detail. Florida Methodist laymen are on the march. They will undergird every moment for the advancement of the Kingdom with their time, their talents, and their generous contributions.

People are going to church in Florida — rain or shine. Last Sunday we were having a deluge from the beginning of the Sunday school hour until 11:30. I decided to drop in for the second service at one of the churches where one of our young men is giving significant leadership. Every seat was filled. Seven persons were received in church membership. We heard an excellent sermon.

DON'T FORGET CUBA

Please don't neglect your Advance Special gifts for Cuba. The need is urgent. Our work continues. Our men are staying on the job. Evangelistic programs are being planned and carried through. We desperately need more money for scholarships for our seminary students at Matanzas. We need Advance Specials for the Salary Fund, and for the Bishop's Emergency Fund. Please send your gifts in to the Conference Treasurer, distinctly marked, as quickly as possible.

Blessings on you all.

Sincerely,
JAMES W. HENLEY

WANTED: 240 SUBSCRIPTION LISTS

The goal of the **Florida Methodist** this year is to receive a list of subscribers from every charge in the Conference. We have yet to receive 240 of them. If your charge submitted a list at our old $1 subscription rate last year, your renewals are past due. Please submit your new list at once to insure continued readership for your members.

Speakers Named For Men's Conferences

Principal speakers for the 1963 Methodist Men's Conferences at the Leesburg Youth Camp were announced by R. H. Berg, Melbourne, at the mid-year meeting of the Board of Lay Activities at Sarasota on Jan. 19-20.

Platform speakers for the first session, Sept. 27-29, will be the Rev. Trigg James, executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, and Howard Jones, lay leader for the Kentucky Conference.

Second session speakers, Oct. 4-6, will be Dr. Ross Freeman of Emory University and Robert G. Mayfield, general secretary of the Board of Lay Activities.

Speakers for the third session, Oct. 11-13, will be the Rev. Denson Franklin, pastor of First Church, Birmingham, and Robert M. Smith, lay leader of the Western North Carolina Conference.

Bishop Henley will speak at all three sessions.

J. M. Smedley, DeLand, associate lay leader for the DeLand District, was appointed by Mr. Berg to again spearhead attendance at the Southeastern Jurisdictional Layman's Conference at Lake Junaluska during July 26-28.

Glenn Gold, associate conference lay leader, noted that payments were lagging from many Methodist Men organizations on the youth camp site purchased. He said the laymen must raise $12,000 a year to make payments on a $60,000 addition to the Leesburg property purchased two years ago.

The Rev. Gilbert Stout, staff member of the Board of Lay Activities, noted that a tithing emphasis begun in the church during 1961 has reversed a steady downward trend of benevolence giving.

When The Methodist Church was united in 1939, he said, the churches were giving 15.7 per cent of their income to benevolences. This reached a new low every year until 1961, he continued when it rose back up to 15.5 per cent instead of sinking to 13 per cent.

Mr. Stout is currently assisting in a pilot stewardship campaign being conducted in the DeLand District.

The Rev. James W. Sells, executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, urged more spiritual emphasis in meetings of men's groups. He urged the laymen to participate in prayer groups, spiritual life classes and other small groups seeking to deepen spiritual life.

Book Includes Sermons Of 2 Florida Pastors

Sermons of two Florida Conference ministers are among 14 included in a booklet of stewardship sermons edited by the Rev. James W. Sells, executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council.

The Rev. Arthur R. Charlesworth, pastor of Bryan Memorial Church, Miami, has a sermon in the booklet entitled "On Feeling Insignificant."

The Rev. Miles DePagter, pastor of Grace Church, Venice, has a sermon printed entitled "Jesus Christ is Lord and I Am His Steward."

Manatee County Men Hold Annual Retreat

The third annual Manatee County Methodist Men's Retreat was held Feb. 2-3 at Camp Flying Eagle on the Upper Manatee River. Featured speaker for the retreat was Walter Anderson, director of the North Carolina Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Anderson was one of the speakers at the Jurisdictional Layman's Conference at Lake Junaluska last summer and also at the Florida Layman's Conference at Leesburg in October.

Shown above discussing plans for a youth camp site along the Suwannee River are (from left): William B. Smith, Monticello; the Rev. Robert C. Holmes, Tallahasse; Tom Slade, Starke; Walter Rice, Lake City, and the Rev. J. E. McKinley, Gainesville. At right, studying a new booklet of 14 stewardship sermons, are (from left) R. H. Berg, Melbourne; the Rev. James W. Sells, Atlanta; the Rev. Joe A. Tolle, DeLand; and the Rev. Gilbert Stout, staff member of the General Board of Lay Activities, Evanston, Ill.

LONG WENT UNNOTICED—

Popular Hymn, 'How Great Thou Art,' Has Interesting History

By O. B. FANNING

"How Great Thou Art," a favorite hymn of Methodist laymen and their theme song at the annual Leesburg weekend conference, was written back in 1885 but it did not win widespread popularity in the United States until about 10 years ago.

When Americans did start to sing it, they soon pushed it to near the top in list of most popular hymns.

For example, in 1961 it placed second only to "The Old Rugged Cross" in the Newspaper Hymn Poll conducted by **Christian Herald** magazine. More than 1,000 daily and weekly newspapers participated in the poll, according to **Editor & Publisher** magazine, with 61,445 readers voting. "The Old Rugged Cross" received 10,482 votes, and "How Great Thou Art" received 8,449.

The lyrics of "How Great Thou Art" were written in 1885 by a 25-year-old Swedish pastor, the Rev. Carl Boberg, after walking home two miles from church in a thunderstorm. The words were first published a year later under the title of "O Store Gud" (O Great God) in a Swedish newspaper.

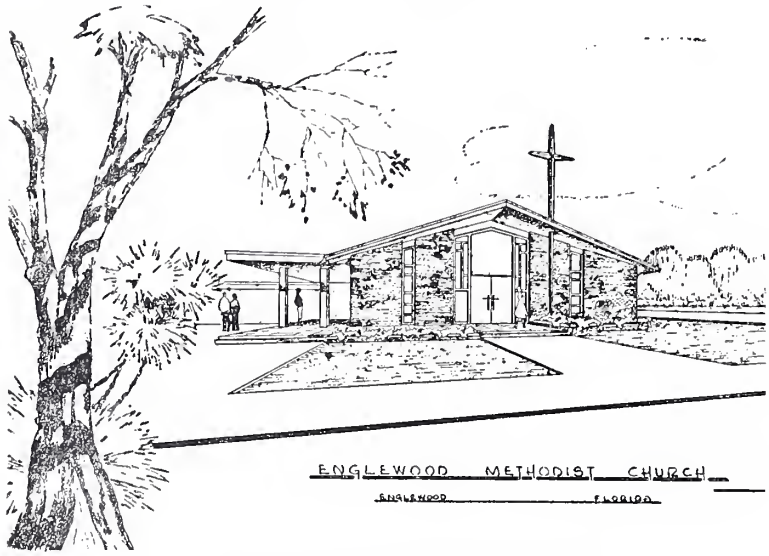
It first appeared in a Swedish hymnal in 1894 and, apparently, aroused no great interest. Later, it was translated into German and Russian.

The song started winning popularity abroad in World War II when an English missionary, the Rev. Stuart K. Hine and his wife sang it as a duet at gospel meetings. He had the hymn printed in response to thousands of requests.

The hymn was introduced in the U.S. in 1951 at the Stony Brook, N.Y., Bible Conference by James Caldwell.

It got it biggest American boost in 1955 when George Beverly Shea, a song leader on the Billy Graham team, recorded it for RCA Victor. That same year it was first used in a Billy Graham Crusade, and it has been featured in every crusade since.

"How Great Thou Art" is not in the Methodist hymnal, but many churches have inserted copies in the back in recognition of the song's popularity.



NEW SANCTUARY COMPLETED
. . . Consecrated on Dec. 23

Englewood Church Completes New Sanctuary

The sanctuary of Englewood Church in the Sarasota District was consecrated on Dec. 23 with the Rev. Harry H. Waller, district superintendent, presiding.

The day of the consecration service also marked the last Sunday that the church was served by the Rev. Ralph F. Jones, who was transferred to the Tice Church in a mid-year appointment by Bishop Henley.

Inheriting the new building for his pastorate is the Rev. A. G. Hardee, who previously served at High Springs.

The congregation has raised half of the funds needed to pay for the sanctuary. It has also recently purchased two parking lots and constructed a bedroom-bath addition to the parsonage.

The sanctuary seats 400 persons. It is completely furnished with new pews, audio system, air conditioning, and colored windows — all of which were given as memorials. The old sanctuary was moved to a new location on the church property and will continue to be used as an educational building.

New Booklet Explains Programs of National Council of Churches

A new 32-page booklet, "The Churches Working Together for a Christian America," describes the work and scope of the National Council of Churches.

Its cover illustration is featured on the cover of this issue of the **Florida Methodist.** It shows a student minister preaching to vacationers in a national park, one of the 70 year-round programs of the National Council of Churches.

Liberally illustrated, the publication points up in narrative form the programs carried out for the 31 member communions by the Council, including the Cuban Refugee Center in Miami and the "Flights in Freedom" aimed at resettling the refugees in other areas of the country.

The booklet shows that 53 cents of every $1 received by the National Council of Churches goes for world missions, relief and rehabilitation. Another 19 cents goes for interpretation of the Christian message through Christian teaching, evangelism, radio, films, television, and application of Christian ethics to all areas of life.

Home Missions, including the ministry to the migrants, receives 10 cents of each $1 received; 15 cents is used for publishing operations and film productions; 2 cents for administration; and 1 cent for other operations.

Copies of the booklet are available through the council's Office of Publication and Distribution, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, New York.

A CHURCH EDITOR'S VIEW

Observer Gives Opinion on How To Tell A Methodist From A Baptist in the South

(Editor's Note—"We don't talk about conversion much in the Methodist Church anymore," declared the Rev. James Sells, Atlanta, executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council, while speaking to members of the Conference Board of Lay Activities in Sarasota on Jan. 19. Evidently this impression is conveyed to others too, judging by an article in the February issue of Harpers. Drawing a distinction between Methodist and Baptist churches in Jacksonville, it contends that Baptists still stress redemption while Methodists concentrate on social action. Although many inside the Methodist Church might disagree with the views of the "disinterested observer," it is revealing to look at ourselves as an outsider sees us.)

"How to Tell a Baptist from a Methodist in the outh" is the intriguing title of an article in the ebruary issue of Harpers. It is written by George Iarmon, church editor of the Jacksonville Journal, nd draws heavily upon his experience of covering he two denominations in Jacksonville during the ast two years.

Harmon writes as a disinterested observer—a Initarian—who grew up in a Southern Baptist hurch in Sardis, Miss., at a time when he said it vas difficult to pick out essential differences beween the two denominations outside of the mode f baptism employed and the Methodists' concept f "falling from grace" as opposed to the "once aved, always saved" view of the Baptists.

"Twenty-five years ago, the most devout memer of one church could participate in the rites of he other without suffering any spiritual discomort and without hearing contradictory utterance rom the pulpit," he declared.

This is not the case today, he maintains.

"Southern Baptist beliefs, I find, are the same as hose the Baptists preached in Sardis when I was child. The Southern Baptists today are Jacksonlle's primary depository of Protestant conservasm, or fundamentalism . . . The Methodists, howver, are a church in transition. They have been hifting theologically leftward for many years, and ave become the South's color guard of liberal rotestantism, also called modernism."

As a disinterested observer, Harmon appears ore accurate in describing the manifestations of ch a change than the theology which undergirds His "Methodist" concept of Christ would be far oser to the views of his fellow Unitarians than the average Methodist. He writes:

"To a Methodist, the Man called Jesus was a ortal example of the potential perfection in man's rthly behavior today; His earthly conduct is orthy of emulation but His immortality is abract, rather like that of Jefferson living today in e Bill of Rights and Lincoln in the Fourteenth nendment."

In many other instances, however, Harmon ts close enough to the mark to merit serious consideration by Methodists. Although the article is complimentary to the Methodists from Harmon's point of view, the only statistics he cites seem to support the position of the Baptists.

Harmon noted that between 1940 and 1960, Duval County's population climbed 117 per cent while Methodists increased 205 per cent and Southern Baptists by 271 per cent.

"Southern Baptist sermons, Sunday school teachings, and study topics for their numerous men's, women's and youth groups hammer away on the rectitude of salvation theology and the urgent need for evangelism," he writes. "Methodist sermons and discussions, on the other hand, include mental illness, crime, communism, disease and racial discrimination."

He contends that Methodism chiefly stresses applied Christianity, preaching a gospel of social action, while Baptists concentrate on the Hereafter.

He also deals with the organizational structure of the two churches, saying that the national character of Methodism and its episcopal form of government lends itself more to liberalism (as a more common theology in the North) than does the congregation-centered structure of the Southern Baptists.

The article also contains a certain amount of evaluation by Harmon and a few Jacksonville Methodist leaders of what this change means to the church.

Two ministers expressed concern that Methodism has become a white-collar church, leaving blue-collar society to the fundamentalists. Harmon attributed this anxiety, in part, to a "cultural nostalgia" because of Methodism's close identification with the "common man" in the days of its founding.

"One minister forsees eventual problems for both Methodists and Baptists because of their current theological stands," Harmon writes. "He thinks the Baptist Church, unyielding in its faith in supernaturalism, may be abandoned by Southerners, who are fast becoming better schooled. At the same time, he fears Methodism may be evolving into 'a glorified civic club rather than a religion'."

Board Contends Public Schools Not Suited for Worship, Refuses Request to Designate Building as Fallout Shelter

Doubt that devotions and sectarian instruction in public schools can be "religiously constructive" was expressed recently by the General Board of Christian Social Concerns.

The board's annual meeting unanimously adopted a resolution, after lengthy debate, pointing to its belief that "corporate worship is the most distinctive function of the church and synagogue" and that "celebrations of religious ceremonies in the public school often tend to limit the true meaning of these observances."

The statements speak only for the board and are not official denominational policies.

It held that "teachers in our public schools may be expected to witness by their lives, as well as by the way in which they handle their teaching materials, to the relevance of religion to life."

SHELTERS GIVE FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY

Although declaring that "any building with the name Methodist upon it should be a sanctuary" and that "we will always minister to victims of any disaster," the board declined a request by Civil Defense to designate the Methodist Building on Capitol Hill here as a fallout shelter.

This resolution held that fallout shelters will not "prevent a nuclear disaster," provide protection from nuclear explosion nor give "adequate minimum fallout protection with all of the complex problems of group life in confined areas." Instead, it said, "this type of program lulls an unsuspecting public into a false sense of security."

U.S. ASKED TO TAKE STEPS TOWARD PEACE

In a letter to President Kennedy, the board urged U.S. initiative in steps aimed at world peace, including destruction of chemical and bacteriological weapons and turning facilities for their production to medical research; repeal of the Connally Amendment limiting U.S. participation in the International Court of Justice; prohibition of the military use of outer space; seeking the enlistment of France and mainland China in Geneva disarmament talks.

Other resolutions approved commended the President's action during the October Cuba crisis and urged the church to seek ways to aid the Cuban people; urged seeking methods of "working out our relationships to Cuba and other Communist regimes without resorting to military action," and by emphasis on meeting human material and spiritual needs; urged proper federal, state and local programs to care for the medical needs of aged persons and for the poor without requiring a means test, but did not advocate any specific proposal.

The board also proposed that The Methodist Church adopt a 1964-68 emphasis on world peace and development with "a major commitment in terms of prayer, personnel, finances and effort that adequately reveal our church's determined concern to serve God effectively for peace."

Dudley Ward Promoted

The Rev. A. Dudley Ward will become general secretary of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns upon the July 31 retirement of the Rev. Caradine R. Hooton. He is now associate general secretary.

Crosscurrents

(A Forum of Methodist Opinion)

The views expressed in these columns are solely those of the writer or the person quoted and do not necessarily represent the policies of The Methodist Church. "Crosscurrents" does not endorse or criticize the opinions expressed, serving instead as an open forum for Methodists of varying points of view.

Editor:

I have read with deep interest the Jan. 15 (Aldersgate) issue of the Florida Methodist. There is a great moaning of the fact that we have lost our evangelical fervor. This is justified, i.e., the moaning. But why don't we pinpoint some real reasons and go to work on them?

May I suggest a few:

(1) The Bible has been watered down. To the majority, it is no longer the authoritative written Word of God. Many undercut it by saying it "contains the Word of God."

(2) Failure to recognize that we become the children of God by the New Birth. Methodism now seems to be saying, "Everyone is a child of God, just let him know it!" and overlooks the fact that Jesus charged some with being "of your father, the devil." What a corruption of the faith to preach and teach that children of the devil and children of God have the same Father! We have the same Creator, but we cannot cry "Father," except we come through Jesus Christ to be born of the Holy Spirit from above.

(3) Political action emphasis at the expense of calling men to repentance through the Crucified Christ.

(4) Turning away from the Cross which is God's way of reconciling men, to such things as the U.N., supplanting God's "foolishness" which is wiser than man, with man's "wisdom," which is foolishness with God.

(5) We cannot call men successfully or faithfully to Christ and the Church until we have repented first ourselves and return to the Truth and Wisdom of God.

It is a very real question whether we will hear the entreaty of God's voice for ourselves as a church and as clergy, or whether we shall follow the pattern of the priests in Jeremiah's and Jesus' day, utterly refusing any reordering of our own lives while insisting that God bow to our ways.

Judgment begins at the House of God. So does repentance.

By God's grace may we all begin there.

(The Rev.) Claude Tucker
Sarasota

The Rev. George A. Buttrick, distinguished Presbyterian minister and author, talks with Dr. J. Birney Gross (left) assistant to the president for academic affairs, and Dr. Charles M. Laymon, head of the religion department, following a lecture he gave to students at Florida Southern College. He also preached at First Church, Lakeland, and at University Church in Gainesville.

276 Openings Exist For New Missionaries

The Methodist Church needs 276 missionaries for service in 25 overseas countries in 1963 and an almost unlimited number of workers in mission situations in the U.S.

Overseas career openings are for a wide variety of jobs, as follows:

Agricultural and home economics, 9; business and secretarial work, 15; rural church development and frontier evangelism, 35; urban church development and social work, 20; specialized church work, 16; educational administrators, 6; theological and training-school teachers, 13; college and university teachers, 12; secondary school teachers, 25; elementary school teachers 2; specialized educational workers, 14; communications (literacy, audio-visual), 14; doctors, 9; nurses, 24; medical technicians, 7.

Theologian Retires

Dr. H. Shelton Smith, one of the founders of the graduate department of religion at Duke University, will retire at the end of the current academic year. He served as the James B. Duke Professor of American Religious Thought.

COMPLIMENTS THAT PERPLEX A PREACHER

Preachers never know just what response their sermons will bring.

For example, the Rev. George A. Buttrick, distinguished Presbyterian minister and author who lectured at Florida Southern College recently, recalled that a woman parishioner once told him: "Every sermon you preach is better than the next."

This reminded him of a "compliment" paid another preacher: "Your sermons are like water to a drowning man."

Annie Pfeiffer Chapel Featured by Magazine

Florida Southern College, Lakeland, again received national attention when a picture of the Annie Pfeiffer Chapel was featured on the cover of the Jan. 31 issue of **Christian Advocate** to call attention to an article on "Religion and Art."

The chapel, one of several Florida Southern buildings designed by the late Frank Lloyd Wright, has probably been depicted in more books and magazines than any other American church edifice. It was chosen two years ago as one of America's 10 most beautiful church buildings.

26 Participate in MYF UN-Washington Seminar

Twenty-two young people and four adults are participating in the Florida Conference Methodist Youth Fellowhsip United Nations - Washington Seminar on Peace and World Order during Feb. 9-16.

Those making the trip are:

Carolyn Albert, Dania; Kathy Beal, College Heights, Lakeland; Sherry Boise, Wagg Memorial, West Palm Beach; Susan Burr, First, Lake Wales; Judy Butler, First, Melbourne; Chuck Cannon, College Heights, MYF vice president; Bonnie Chambless, Glynlea, Jacksonville; John Clark, Bowling Green; Carolyn Connor, Trinity, Bradenton; Anne Craig, Umatilla; Carolyn Erwin, Riverside Park, Jacksonville; Janet Ferguson, Coral Way, Miami; Marian Sue Glattauer, Rudy Memorial, Miami; Sally Griffie, St. Paul's, Eau Gallie; Margie Hipp, Avondale, Jacksonville; Tammy Moree, College Heights, Lakeland; Kippy Smith, Arlington, Jacksonville; Nancy Sloan, College Heights, youth office secretary; Susan Stricklin, Tallahassee; Janet Taylor, First, Ocala; John Watkins, Morrison Memorial, Leesburg; Eileen Willis, College Heights, Lakeland; the Rev. R. C. Boggs, Lake Wales, chairman of the youth committee of the Conference Board of Education; Miss Edith Goodwin, Lakeland, associate director of youth work; Mrs. Jason Kennon, Live Oak, WSCS secretary of youth work; and the Rev. Warren W. Willis, conference director of youth work.

Methodists Featured At E.U.B. Conference

Florida Methodists were featured Feb. 7 in the evening program of the Annual Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church held in St. Petersburg.

Bishop Henley was the principal speaker. Others on the program included the Rev. J. Wallace Hamilton, pastor of Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg; the Rev. Hoyt Tatum St. Petersburg Distrist superintendent; and the chancel choir of Lakewood Church.

The Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches have entered preliminary discussions pointing towards eventual merger.

Woman's Society of Christian Service
and Wesleyan Service Guild

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Indicating their interest in Christian vocations at the Lakeland District Christian Vocations Banquet are (around table from left foreground): Jere Forsythe, Auburndale; Bob Bullard, Alturas; Frances Welch, Winter Haven; Judy Jones, Leesburg; Will Flory, Lakeland; Evanie Chambers, Lakeland; Ruby Young, Lakeland; Elma White, Orange Heights; and Elton Haymans, Kathleen. Assisting the young people are (standing, from left) the Rev. John Hunt, Lakeland, secretary-treasurer of the Conference Commission on Christian Vocations; Mrs. W. C. White, secretary of missionary personnel for the Lakeland District Woman's Society; and the Rev. James Smith, Mulberry, district director of Christian vocations.

Lakeland District Women Share in Sponsoring Christian Vocations Banquet for Young People

One of the unique features of the annual Christian Vocations Banquet of the Lakeland District is that it is a cooperative venture involving the District Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild.

The two units join the district superintendent, District Committee on Christian Vocations, and a host church in providing guidance and inspiration for young people who have made initial decisions for full-time Christian service.

This year over 75 young people attended the banquet at the Orange Heights Church in Lakeland. The Rev. James M. Smith, Mulberry, chairman of the district committee, was in charge of the program.

Representing the Woman's Society at the banquet was Mrs. W. C. White, Zephyrhills, secretary of missionary personnel for the Lakeland District.

The young people were divided into workshop groups to discuss problems confronting them and share their experiences since dedicating their lives to full-time Christian service.

Later they heard a message by the Rev. John J. Rooks, district superintendent, who encouraged them not to wait to begin their service to God.

"God needs you right now, and God needs you all of your days," he declared. Serious study in school is part of a Christian vocation, he noted, since the ministry and kindred vocations are so important that only people who apply themselves can actually attain them.

Conference Love Gift Beneficiaries Chosen

The Conference Love Gift to be presented by the local societies according to custom at the annual meeting of the Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service in Daytona Beach, April 23-25, will be divided between furnishings for the Branscomb Memorial Auditorium now under construction on the campus of Florida Southern College, Lakeland, and the Crusade Scholarship Fund of The Methodist Church.

Since 1946 a procession of special young Christians has been coming and going from every continent except Antarctica to pursue graduate studies in America. They are known as Crusade Scholars. In the 14 years of the program's existence, over 1200 young men and women from 56 countries have studied here in more than 100 institutions, and then returned to their own countries to carry on the mission of The Methodist Church.

It is to the on-going support of this program that a portion of our love gift is dedicated.

WSCS Scholarship Student Wins Award

A $1000 Cokesbury Graduate Award for the academic year 1962-1963 has been granted to Miss Dorothy Bacon of West Palm Beach.

Currently working toward a master of arts degree at American University in Washington, D. C., Miss Bacon previously studied at Bennett College in North Carolina. During her undergraduate work at Bennett College she was awarded a Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service scholarship.

The Cokesbury Award is given to qualified Methodist US citizens who are planning a career in college teaching. Miss Bacon is a 1958 graduate of Roosevelt High School in West Palm Beach.

Florida Women To Represent Conference At 3 Meetings, Convocation

Mrs. David Thurman, Miami, president of the Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, will represent her organization at three meetings in Memphis, Tenn., early in March.

They are the Southeastern Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild annual Meeting, March 2-3, at First Methodist Church, Memphis; the annual meeting of the Jurisdiction Deaconess Association, March 3-4, in the Claridge Hotel, Memphis, and the annual meeting of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service in the First Methodist Church, March 4-5. She will also attend the quadrennial Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Convocation on March 5-7 in the same church.

Mrs. Howard Weems, Sebring, member of the Board of Missions and Mrs. J. Ben Stalvey, Miami, secretary of student work, Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society, will be attending the Jurisdiction and Jurisdictional meetings. Official delegates from the Florida Conference are: Woman's Society meeting—Mrs. Thurman, Mrs. C. Durward Johnson, Quincy, conference vice president; Mrs. Karl Stoneburner, Stuart, conference recording secretary; Mrs. L. F. Shore, Jacksonville, conference treasurer; Mrs. Allen Watson, Wildwood, secretary of missionary education; Mrs. Luther Ray, Tampa, secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, and alternates, Mrs. H. Quillian Jones, Ft. Myers, secretary of promotion, and Mrs. T. Jason Kennon, Live Oak, secretary of youth work. Mrs. Ray is delegate to the Guild annual meeting.

Among the principal speakers for the 23rd annual meeting of the Woman's Society will be Bishop Marvin A. Franklin, Jackson, Miss., and Miss Dorothy McConnell, New York City. Bishop Franklin is a leader of Methodism in Mississippi and of the Memphis Conference. Miss McConnell is editor of the **World Outlook.** Theme of the meeting is "Our Call to Witness."

Theme Set For Annual District Meetings

The theme of the annual district meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service is "The Faith that Compels Us; the Factors that Confront Us; the Frontiers that Call Us."

Mrs. David Thurman of Miami, conference president, and Mrs. C. Durward Johnson, Quincy, conference vice president, will be special guests at each of the district meetings. They will accompany a missionary speaker, whose name will be announced later. Many of the districts plan to present the Charter of Racial Policies to their membership for action during these meetings.

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

10—Gainesville District Guild Annual Meeting, First Church, Lake City, 2:00 p.m.
17—Lakeland District Guild Annual Meeting, First Church, Lakeland, 2:30 p.m. Speaker: the Rev. Gerald McCray.
20—Gainesville District Day Apart, Melrose, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
22—Jacksonville District Guild Annual Meeting, Avondale Church, Jacksonville, 6:30 p.m.

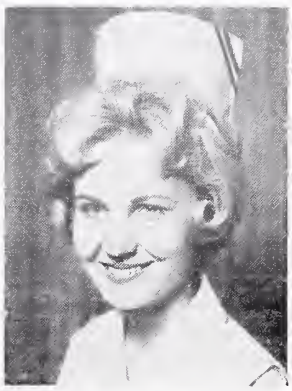
MARCH

1-4—Annual Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend, Florida Methodist Youth Camp, Leesburg
10—Miami District Retreat, Camp Owaissa Bauer
15—DeLand District Annual Meeting, WSCS
18—Jacksonville District Annual Meeting, WSCS, Avondale Church, Jacksonville
19—Tallahassee District Annual Meeting, WSCS, St. Paul Church, Tallahassee
20—Gainesville District Annual Meeting, WSCS, First Church, Lake City
21—Orlando District Annual Meeting, WSCS, Goss Memorial, Orlando
22—Lakeland District Annual Meeting, WSCS, First Church, Lake Wales
25—Tampa District Annual Meeting, WSCS
26—St. Petersburg District Annual Meeting, WSCS, Christ Church, St. Petersburg
27—Sarasota District Annual Meeting, WSCS
28—West Palm Beach District Meeting, WSCS
29—Miami District Annual Meeting, WSCS, First Church, Hialeah

APRIL

1-25—Annual Meeting Conference WSCS, Community Methodist Church, Daytona Beach

Former Refugee Chosen 'Miss Student Nurse'



Diane Boitman

A young woman who fled from her native Latvia with her parents to escape the terrors of Communism has been named "Miss Methodist Student Nurse" of 1963.

She is Miss Diane Boitman, now of Clinton, Iowa. She is a senior in the School of Nursing at St. Luke's Methodist Hospital in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

New Administrator Named at Hospital

New administrator of Brewster Methodist Hospital in Jacksonville is Robert Nordham. He succeeds Jack Whittington, who was administrator of the institution for nine years.

Since Brewster was the first hospital in which he worked, the appointment is something of a homecoming for Nordham.

He is a native of Ridgewood, N. J., and completed high school there in 1949. He received a bachelor's degree in economics at Duke University and graduated from Duke Graduate School in Hospital Administration in 1958.

News From The Churches

EDUCATIONAL BUILDING UNDERWAY

Mandarin Church in the Jacksonville District held groundbreaking services Jan. 27 for its new educational building. The Rev. J. Milburn McLeod, district superintendent, preached at the morning service preceding the groundbreaking. The new building will contain 10 classrooms, three restrooms and storage rooms.

. . . Signposts of devotion

PAINTING ILLUSTRATES SERMONS

The Rev. Robert M. Jenkins, pastor of Wesley Memorial Church, St. Petersburg, is currently halfway through a series of eight sermons on "The Signposts of Devotion," the Christian symbols. Mrs. Harriet Osinga, a member of the church who is an artist, painted a picture of the symbols which is used to illustrate the sermons. Sermons in order of delivery are: "The Alpha and the Omega," "The Ship of Life," "I H S," "Dove of Peace," "Lamb of God," "Cross & Crown," "The Fish," and "All Seeing Eye."

'POPULATION EXPLOSION' DISCUSSED

A panel discussion of the problems arising from the "population explosion" was the program for the January meeting of the Methodist Men of First Church, Dade City. Panelists included A. F. Cribbett, county agent, who discussed "The Food Angle," Dr. Wardlaw Jones, "Control of Population," George James, "Raising the Earning Power," and the Rev. J. W. Blake, pastor, "The Church is Concerned."

. . . New parsonage

CORAL WAY HOLDS 'OPEN HOUSE'

The parsonage committee and parsonage family of Coral Way Church in Miami recently held open house in the church's new pastoral residence, home of the Rev. William S. Echols and his family. The house contains three bedrooms, two and one-half baths, a study, Florida room, large living room, dining area and kitchen as well as a garage. Construction costs were $22,700 including heating and air conditioning, plus $3,000 for new furnishings. The old parsonage was swapped for a residence and lot adjoining church property, which now serves as a youth building.

MORNING SERVICE SUCCESSFUL

A special highlight of the week of "New Life Meetings" at First Church, St. Augustine, were 7 a.m. services each morning with a breakfast following. The Rev. E. Nash Philpot, pastor, reports that the average attendance at these early services was 120 persons with whole families attending. Men left for work and children for school following worship and breakfast together. The services were led by the Rev. E. J. Pendergrass, Orlando, who was visiting preacher for the revival.

NEW FELLOWSHIP HALL READY

The Hudson Church in the St. Petersburg District has been holding services in a very small and very old building since it was organized in 1959. The Rev. C. T. Howes, pastor, reports that this month the congregation is scheduled to move into its new fellowship hall which will provide classrooms, kitchen, restrooms and a large room for worship and fellowship. Until this time two Sunday school classes met in the parsonage and others met in any accessible place.

. . . Better'n hog jowls

DINNER AIDS PROPOSED BUILDING

Slabs of "whole hog" barbecue "beefed up" the traditional Jan. 1 "hog jowls and black-eyed peas" dinner given by the Young Adult Fellowship Class of Dover Church. The class served approximately 200 plates, raising funds for a church school building to be built in the future. Tending the barbecue are (from left) Ralph Byars, Barry Branch, and A. P. Kirkland.

WIDE AREA OF CONCERN

The 60-member Methodist Men at Reeves Memorial, Orlando, show a wide interest of concern. They are currently furnishing funds for partial support for a missionary in India. On Feb. 10 they served a breakfast at the church in support of the Cerebral Palsy Drive.

HEADS MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

The Rev. T. Newton Wise, pastor of First Church, Plant City, is serving as this year's president of the 71-member East Hillsboro County Ministerial Association.

EIGHT-ROOM CLASSROOM UNIT
. . . Second new building in two years

Riverview Church Completes Educational Unit

The Riverview Church, near ampa, recently completed its cond building venture within vo years by consecrating its erle Building — a new $18,000 lucational unit of eight rooms.

The church completed its $65,-0 sanctuary two years ago. Deite this quick succession of new uildings, the church's outstandg debt is quite small.

The Merle Building, constructl under the direction of the resent pastor, the Rev. L. Howrd Wilfong, is debt-free. Only a nall debt remains on sanctuary. unds for its construction were ccumulated during the pastorate the Rev. Raymond Hitchcock nd it was erected under the adership of the Rev. Holland aughan.

The present sanctuary is the fifth for the Riverview Church, which is 116 years old. Treasured keepsakes of the church are two handmade benches used by it in the old Lesley Chapel before it became part of the Methodist Conference in 1880.

In addition to the recent buildings, the church has three units dedicated during the pastorate of the Rev. G. R. Savige. These include Della McLeod Memorial Hall (1951), nursery building (1954) and junior chapel (1955).

8 Hamilton Sermons vailable on Tape

The Rev. J. Wallace Hamilton, astor of Pasadena Community hurch, St. Petersburg, has 88 rmons recorded on tape for an or sale by Sermons and Picres, Inc., Atlanta, a non-profit ganization cooperating with the otestant Radio and Television nter.

The sermons by Mr. Hamilton mprise the largest number by y one individual in the organtion's catalogue. It has 54 serons by the Rev. Harry Emerson sdick; 26 by the Rev. John A. dhead, pastor of First Presbyrian Church, Greensboro, N.C.; d 12 by the late Rev. Roy A. rkhart, Columbus, Ohio; along th messages by many other outnding preachers and educats.

Housewives Serve

More housewives than any oth- "occupational group" are Suny school teachers in The Methist Church, according to a rert at the annual meeting of the ard of Education.

Floridian Appointed To NCC General Board

Circuit Judge William H. Maness, Jacksonville, is among 40 leading Methodists throughout the nation who will represent The Methodist Church on the General Board of the National Council of Churches during 1963-66.

He is the only member named from Florida. The board members were chosen by the Methodist Council of Bishops.

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Lakeland, Florida

'One Per Cent Plan' Aided 18 Florida Ministerial Students During 1961-62

Eighteen ministerial students from the Florida Conference are being aided this year by the recently authorized "One Per Cent Plan." Nine of the students are in seminaries within the Southeastern Jurisdiction and others are enrolled as full-time students for the ministry in accredited colleges and universities.

"The One Per Cent Plan" was devised by the last Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference in 1960 for the purpose of assisting ministerial students in their education.

The plan calls upon every local church to appropriate annually one per cent of its budget—excluding building funds—to give financial assistance to ministerial students. The Conference Treasurer sends half the amount raised to seminaries within the Southeastern Jurisdiction on a proportionate basis. The other half is used by the Conference One Per Cent Plan Committee to aid individual students.

The Rev. Amos L. Boren, Hollywood Hills, chairman of the committee, reports that 226 churches in the Florida Conference gave $28,986 under the plan last year. He said the committee had more applications than it could provide funds for with the $14,493 it received.

The following is a break-down by districts of the giving in the 1961-62 Conference Year.

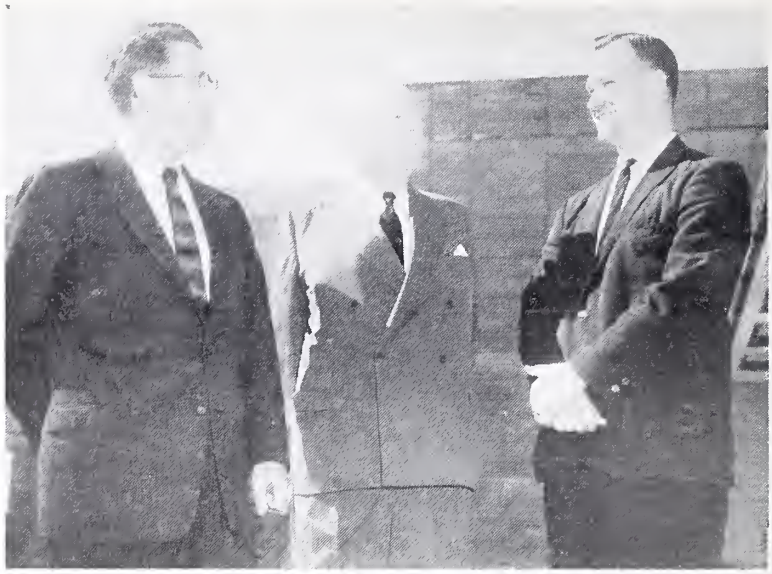
District	No. of Churches Contributing	Amount Contributed
DeLand	17	$1091
Gainesville	29	1991
Jacksonville	26	4159
Lakeland	28	2180
Miami	28	2266
Orlando	7	2993
St. Petersburg	18	2634
Sarasota	15	2004
Tallahassee	10	652
Tampa	17	2326
West Palm Beach	31	6690
	226	$28,986

CONFERENCE REPORTS DUE BEFORE MAY 10

The deadline for submitting pre-conference reports for inclusion in the Annual Conference Report Booklet is May 10, advises the Rev. Robert C Boggs, conference secretary.

The reports should be typed and double-spaced. They should be mailed to Mr. Boggs prior to May 10 at Box 447, Lake Wales, Florida.

The conference reports are published by the Methodist Publishing House in **Journal** format, and the composition is held for later use in the **Journal.**



The Rev. Eric W. Baker, vice president of the World Methodist Council, confers with Florida Southern College President Charles T. Thrift (left), and the Rev. Dennis DeLacure, chaplain, when he visited the campus recently.

New Map of Florida Conference Published

A map of the Florida Conference, showing district boundaries and the location of each city or town having a Methodist Church, has been published by J. M. Smedley-Publishers, Inc., DeLand.

A committee named to work with Mr. Smedley on the project were the Rev. J. A. Tolle, DeLand District superintendent; the Rev Henry W. Blackburn, executive secretary of church extension; and the Rev. Robert C. Holmes Tallahassee District superintendent.

Mr. Smedley is associate lay leader of the DeLand District.

The folded maps also contain brief reports on the Methodist Men, Woman's Society of Christian Service, church extension and other aspects of Florida Methodism.

British Methodists, Church of England Take 'Giant Step' Toward Eventual Merger—Baker

British Methodists and the Church of England have taken a "giant step" towards eventual merger, a member of the negotiating team revealed during a visit to Florida Southern College.

The Rev. Eric W. Baker, secretary of the British Methodist Conference and vice president of the World Methodist Council, described the proposed merger as "part of the strong ecumenical tide that is flowing throughout the world."

Action by the "mother" Church of England probably will influence world-wide Angelican groups, including U.S. Episcopalians, to look with favor on uniting with other Protestant bodies, Mr. Baker predicted.

Mr. Baker was a member of a joint committee which just concluded eight years of "conversations" regarding unification of England's two largest Protestant groups.

He said the committee's report of its findings and recommendations will be submitted this summer at the annual meetings of the two churches. The report recommends two years of consideration, followed by negotiations to establish a trial period of full communion. He did not anticipate full merger of the two church bodies for 20 to 50 years.

$8,700 Raised So Far for Brasilia Church

Churches in the Florida Conference have contributed $8,700 through Feb. 1 toward constructing a new church in the heart of Brasilia, capital city of Brazil, for a congregation served by the Rev. Kenneth Traxler.

Mr. Traxler is a missionary whose home church is Alachua. He was recently transferred to Brasilia after serving for several years at Pilares, a suburb of Rio de Janeiro. Florida Methodists responded to a similar appeal four years ago to build a modern new building there.

"Let's all get behind this project," declared the Rev. C. M. Cotton, conference missionary secretary. He said the conference seeks to raise the $40,000 needed by June.

Funds for this cause should be sent to the Conference Treasurer marked "Kenneth Traxler Brasilia Building and Equipment Fund."

Methodists Make Gains in Panama

Continuing a series of encouraging reports on Methodist progress in Latin America, the Methodist Church in Panama gained in membership, Sunday school enrollment, the number of pastoral charges and the number of ministers during 1961. Though Methodist constituency in Panama is small, the gains are considered significant.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, who presided at the conference, had this comment. "We had a good conference, and there is a fine spirit of optimism concerning the Methodist work during the coming year."

Death-Free Crash of Jet Fighter into Residential Section Provides Unique Witnessing for Interbay Church

The crash of a F84F jet fighter into a residential section near MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa on Jan. 24 provided a unique witnessing opportunity for nearby Interbay Church.

Its pastor, the Rev. Charles D. Hutchins, was one of the first persons to meet the jet's pilot as he parachuted to the ground. The next Sunday the church held a special "Survival Sunday" service of thanksgiving that no one was killed in the crash.

The pilot, Lt. Robert L. Harlan 30, was making a practice landing approach over the air base when his plane experienced engine failure. He attempted to head the plane toward Tampa Bay and ejected himself.

The plane struck the corner of a house near the shore of the bay, dug a crater in the front yard and sent a shower of wreckage across the street damaging four other homes.

Wreckage, including live ammunition, littered yards usually crowded with children at 4 p.m., the time the crash occurred Miraculously, the children were elsewhere.

The pilot landed in his parachute six blocks from the Interbay Church, which was just recently cited by the Commission on Camp Activities for its ministry to military personnel and their families.

Mr. Hutchins, who was making pastoral calls at the time, was one of the first persons to meet Lt. Harlan.

"I'm a bit shaken up," Lt. Harlan told the minister. Then Mr. Hutchins asked the pilot if he would like to have a word of prayer.

Together the two men knelt in the middle of the field where Lt Harlan had landed, as the pastor implored, "Lord, help this man to be calm in this hour and bless all those who will help him Amen."

Lt. Harlan then gathered his parachute and was taken to the base hospital. Mr. Hutchins visited him again the next day, after his release from the hospital.

The next Sunday the pilot and his wife attended the "Survival Sunday" service at the Interbay Church, as did one of the families whose house was damaged The service ended with altar prayers of thanksgiving that those in the path of the plane escaped harm.

ALDERSGATE YEAR
1963

If we want Aldersgate for ourselves and for our people we must prepare for it. Start again on the neglected and abandoned pilgrimage. Take the ascent on our knees. Few at first may join us, and we may find it difficult to extricate ourselves from the whirl of life for the venture. Spiritual discipline may be a struggle after the spiritual indulgences of an age which seeks to "eat and grow thin," "squander and grow rich," and "enjoy both God and Mammon."

Let a new Aldersgate begin in this anniversary year, but let us not treat it as an "emphasis" or "goal" for just a 12-month intensive cultivation. Desirability and expectancy can be awakened. The quest can be started. But the visitation of the Holy Spirit must wait the heart prepared. And this is a much slower and less spectacular process than our promotional procedures can allow.

—Bishop Fred Pierce Corson, **Aldersgate Is For Us,** Methodist Evangelistic Materials, 1908 Grand Ave., Nashville 5, Tennessee.

MISSIONARY WRITES—

Galloping Inflation Hurts Overseas Churches

Editor's note: The following is taken from Land of Decision, a publication of the Methodist Church in Argentina, edited by the Rev. J. Lloyd Knox, a missionary from the Florida Conference.

One thing all younger churches strive for is self-support. Yet with world-wide inflation this goal becomes more and more elusive. To illustrate the galloping cost of living in Argentina we refer to the difference in the rate of exchange. On April 6, 1962, one dollar could be bought for 83 pesos. On April 23, 1962, dollars were selling at 105 pesos each. This was more abrupt than usual, but it means that all imported items will cost about 25 per cent more than they did before April 6. Since Argentina is not a heavily industrial nation, it must import many tools and much machinery for agriculture, industry, and transportation, to be paid for in dollars. Argentines are already feeling the rise in the cost of living precipitated by the recent political crises.

Our Argentine pastors, who are already underpaid, will have their buying power reduced by at least 25 per cent. Most of our Methodist congregations are small—yet one-fourth of them have reached the point where they are self-supporting. But there are some 65 churches which are not yet self-supporting. Even though the people's stewardship has improved, inflation wipes out the gains.

Twelve hundred dollars a year is the basic support for national pastors and workers. American churches that cannot underwrite a missionary's support may like to assume total or partial support of an Argentine pastor and his family.

One such national worker is the Rev. Jose S. Jara, a lay preacher with a degree in education. Mr. Jara has served as pastor of small churches and as director of the men's hostel in La Boca in Buenos Aires.

Mr. Jara, who has given up a career in education to serve the church, has recently gone to Mendoza to do extension work in evangelism and to help in the organizing of a new Methodist school in that city.

Churches with a concern for helping this man and other Argentina workers should write Bishop Sante U. Barbieri, Caseilla 5296, Correo Central, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

LABORER BEGINS—

'Paying His Rent to the Lord'

(Editor's Note: The following article is reprinted from the Wesleyan Christian Advocate, official organ of Georgia Methodism, because of its special interest for Florida Methodists.)

By HUBERT DODD

It was my first appointment at Venice-Nokomis, Florida. One Sunday morning I took a special collection for missions. Before the plates were passed, I made a brief talk which went about as follows:

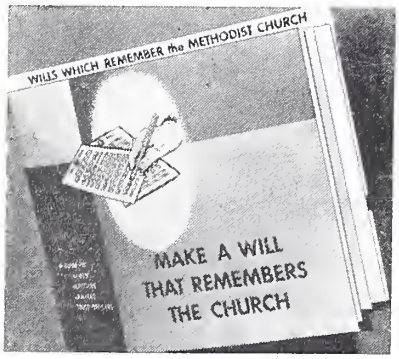
"You know, my friends, God is the most generous landlord in the whole world. He writes a contract with every one of us, setting forth what He, The Party of the First Part, will do, and what The Party of the Second Part will do. He asks us to enter into this contract with Him. He promises to furnish just about everything: Our physical and intellectual health, our abilities and talents, the good earth which is the source of all material blessings, the sun, moon and stars, the seed that will germinate in the earth, and the showers of rain, the heat and the cold. I can't think of anything that He doesn't furnish, for He furnishes even us, who must do some work in the contract. Even the part that we must do in the contract is a gift from God. When the harvest is gathered in, He asks for only a Tenth (Tithe) as a sign that He really owns it all. No human landlord in Georgia where I came from is so generous. The only ones I know will let you have a piece of land, will furnish a part of the fertilizer and seed, and, maybe, the tools and a mule. Then he requires the tenant to give him one-fourth, one-third, depending on the rent system under which the contract is drawn. And if you don't pay the rent, the contract is broken."

The collection plates were passed and the benediction said. As I was shaking hands with the people, Guy Mathison, a poor laborer on Florida highways, with a wife and several small children said to me, "Preacher, I want you to drive by my house on your way home."

I waited until everybody had left the church, got into my little car, and drove by Guy's house. He was standing in front of his house waiting for me. He said, "I didn't have anything to give at the church, but I had this $50 at home. That doesn't pay up my rent to the Lord, but it is a beginning, and from now on I am going to keep my rent paid up. I am going to tithe."

I corresponded with Guy for a good many years, and in his letters to me, he always said that he was still paying his rent to the Lord. I wish I could get in touch with him again and learn whether he is still toting fair with his Landlord. I believe he is!

Won't you become a Tither now?



"Make a Will That Remembers the Church" is the title of a 12-page brochure that provides helpful hints to those who wish to include the church in their bequests, and is a guide for laymen, ministers, lawyers and trust officers. Copies may be ordered from the Methodist Council on World Service and Finance, Evanston, Ill., at 2¢ per copy.

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Me And My Bible

By MRS. ED FERRELL

"Where do you get your ideas?" someone asked me. A sage said "Use your ideas. When you have used one, two or three will come to take its place." Michelangelo said: "Ideas come from God."

Ideas do come from God—through an orderly mind. Paul said: "Let this mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus." Philippians 2:5. We must try to acquire the mind which was in Christ — the mind wholly dedicated to God. How do we do this?

Paul advised: "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect will of God." Romans 12:2. And Jesus commanded: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind." Matthew 22:37.

The mind, which renews or activates itself by following God's will and which loves God, creates a passageway through which God's ideas may flow. This makes for a clear mind with which to work. It rejects that which is superfluous and trivial and seeks the truth.

The mind which was in Jesus was clear, perceptive, healthy and loving — and filled with ideas for God's work. Let this mind, then, be in us which was in Christ Jesus.

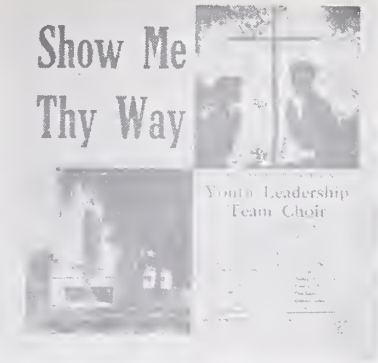
Deaths

Mrs. M. E. Thompson

Mrs. M. E. Thompson, 88, widow of the Rev. M. E. Thompson, died Jan. 21 in a Bradenton Rest Home. Her husband died in 1942. Mrs. Thompson is survived by her son, the Rev. Charles A. Thompson, pastor of First Church, Pompano Beach, and a brother, A. R. Coddlington of Bradenton. She was a member of First Church, Bradenton.

It takes struggles in life to make strength. It takes singleness of purpose to reach an objective.

—HERBERT V. PROCHNOW



MYF Record Album

MYF Youth Team Makes Recording

"Show Me Thy Way" is a 12-nch, long-play record album of anthems, hymns and folk songs sung by the Youth Leadership Team at last summer's Methodist Youth Camp at Leesburg.

The group sang together at camp and at numerous churches throughout Central Florida during the summer. The Rev. Warren Willis directed the choir; the Rev. Robert Miller, a ministerial student at Emory University, served as organist; and Lynn Northrup, Daytona Beach, was pianist.

The record carries the title of a youth hymn written by the Rev. Barclay Jackson, Miami, and dedicated to Florida MYF members several years ago. It also includes "Fill My Cup," written by the Rev. Richard Blanchard of Miami.

The new Florida Methodist Youth Camp record may be purchased from MYF, Box 78, Lakeland, Florida, for $3.25 postpaid.

"And we are happy this morning to have as our guest organist . . ."

New Church Organized at Sun Ray Community

Sun Ray Church, near Frostproof, was organized Jan. 27 with 30 organization-day charter members. The church will continue to enlist charter members during its first year.

The church is served by Frank Ivey, a student pastor, under the guidance of the Rev. E. L. Dinkins, Jr., pastor at Frostproof.

The first Methodist worship service in Sun Ray was held on November 20, 1969, with Mr. Dinkins preaching. Forty persons were present. The Sunday also marked the Golden Anniversary of the Frostproof Church.

The service followed weeks of canvassing by members of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism of the Frostproof Church under the leader of J. H Dickinson, Jr., chairman, to determine if there were sufficient interested people in Sun Ray to begin a church.

In the spring of 1961 the Lakeland District Board of Church Extension under the leadership of Rev. R. A. Alley, district superintendent, purchased three acres of land just behind the town's community building for $4,500.

The first 12 members joined the Sun Ray Mission on Nov. 26 1961, its first anniversary. Fourteen more joined during the months that followed and four joined on organization day.

The Rev. John J. Rooks, district superintendent, presided at this service in the community building.

4.5 Million Easter Bibles Distributed

The American Bible Society reports that it distributed 3,042,817 copies of its 1962 Easter Portions in English and another 1,430,272 copies in Spanish.

The society also publishes Christmas Portions reprinting the Biblical account of Jesus' birth. Many of the seasonal portions are ordered by local church groups who distribute them in church services, in house-to-house visitations and to hospitals, jails and other institutions in their own communities.

District Holds 1st Vocations Banquet

Gainesville District held its first annual Christian Vocations Dinner at First Church, Gainesville on Dec. 28 with the Rev. M. M Meredith, pastor of First Church Lake City, as guest speaker. The Rev. Robert F. Hays, chairman of the District Committee on Christian Vocations, said the dinner was given to honor young people who have made decisions to go into full-time Christian service.

CALENDAR

Feb. 20-21—Vacation Church School Coaching Conference, Lakeland.

Feb. 22-24—Methodist Student Movement Conference, Leesburg Youth Camp.

Feb. 24—World Service Sunday in Church School.

Feb. 27—Ash Wednesday.

March 1—World Day of Prayer.

March 6-8—Southeastern Jurisdictional Convocation, First Methodist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

March 15-17—Recreation Workshop for Adults, Leesburg Youth Camp.

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IN MIAMI—

Center Provides 'Home Between Homes' for Cubans

A "home-in-between-homes" for unaccompanied Protestant children and youth who come out of Cuba is now one of the roles of the Miami Latin Center.

Under the supervision of Miss Lillian Kelly, a deaconess who directs the center, the Group Foster Home was established in June, 1962, with emergency funds provided by the love offering of the Annual Meeting of the Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service held in St. Petersburg last April. These funds were augmented by the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

Mrs. Robert Johns, a member of First Church, Coral Gables, is chairman of the Foster Home Committee. Working closely with her is Mrs. Thomas Godbold, Riverside Church, who is district secretary of supply work. Mrs. William Straight, First Church, Coral Gables, spearheaded the furnishings committee, and all leaders of the Miami District Woman's Society were deeply involved in the work of the group foster home.

Unaccompanied Cuban minors coming into Miami are wards of the state. Protestants come under the jurisdiction of the Children's Service Bureau. The Group Foster Home serves as a temporary home for some of these boys and girls, mostly teenagers, until the best possible placement is found for each individual child.

Some of the children are expected while others arrive completely unknown to the receiving agencies.

Soon after her arrival in Miami, Maria meets her group foster mother and new friends at the Miami Latin Center.

A typical example is Maria, a Cuban teenager. First she registers at the Children's Service Bureau and is assigned to the Latin Center. Mrs. Lillian Colson of the Children's Service Bureau will work with Maria until she is released to foster parents here or returns to Cuba.

At the Latin Center she will meet the group foster mother, Mrs. Bada, and other Cuban young people — some of whom may be old friends from home. The intermingling of the Latin and American environment at the Latin Center makes for easier adjustment in this new country.

Maria and other teenagers in the center have a wonderful experience in the Cuban youth groups at Tamiami Temple and Riverside Church, which bring together Cuban youth of many Protestant denominations.

The combined faiths represented bring about a greater acceptance of each other's church. A strong bond grows among the refugee children — often a sad one to break if the youth is relocated to a new and strange area.

In Maria's case, she found her way into the hearts of the Harry Workman family of Rader Memorial Church. The Workmans, who have two daughters of their own, have taken Cuban girls into their home at the rate of two, three or four at a time.

Most of the youngsters eventually take "Flights in Freedom" to such places as Iowa, Illinois, Texas, California, New York or New Jersey. Wherever they go, they send back letters to the Group Foster Home signed "your son" or "your daughter."

The home serves as a link with the children's parents in Cuba, too. Many letters come from them expressing gratitude for what the church has done for their children. Many times this experience leads the parents to greater dedication to their own church inside Cuba.

After a brief stay at the group foster home, Maria is placed with the Harry Workman family in Miami. Here she joins the family in devotions.

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The Bishop Calls—

Dear Friends:

I have before me a program of the district conference of the Metropolitan District (Havana) of the Cuba Annual Conference. Next to it is a copy of the program of the Oriente District. Here is part of a letter from one of the district superintendents:

"I want to let you know that last week we celebrated our district conference and we give thanks to God for the spirit that reigned there. Pastors, as well as laymen, decided to continue with fervor the work and to carry forward the plans of evangelistic literature. This is carried on by the youth under the title, 'The Campaign of the Reapers'. It was decided to begin the campaign with 30 young men during two months. Then in the month of March we will try to have everything completed for our program using 300 young men. This campaign will cost $3,000 for which the Committee of Advance in Cuba can provide $2,000 and the Church in the East will get together the $1,000 remaining."

The heroism and the imagination involved in such programs as this is a source of inspiration and courage to every one of us.

From one district there is this report: "Pastoral charges and churches that have no ministers have been filled with 23 young lay missionaries who are giving all their time to the church for two years. We have built and are building chapels in California (in the Sierra Maestra hills). Some other places are obtaining funds and building materials for their chapels."

I have been in conference with some of the refugees who have quite recently come out of Cuba. The seminary's greatest difficulty is in the scarcity of food. However, they are still carrying on their training program and the seminary is serving the entire Cuba Conference in many ways. There is an intensified attack upon all Protestant communions in the press and through the distribution of literature. There are instances throughout the island where people are actually starving for want of food. To date there has been no distribution of the food or medical supplies received from the U.S. It is necessary to have a requisition card to buy clothing. It was reported to me that Protestants have been denied these requisition cards in some sections of the country. Transportation is increasingly difficult because automobiles are wearing out and there are no parts with which to repair them.

Let us not forget our brethren — either in our prayers or our giving. The latest reports I have received indicate that some congregations are growing in number, others remain approximately the same, and some are declining in number and attendance. But the fact is that the Cross is still lifted. The Kingdom still moves on despite persecutions and oppression. We cannot — we must not — decline in our giving on behalf of the church in Cuba. Advance Specials for the Pastors' Fund, Bishop's Emergency Fund, and the Scholarship Fund for Seminary Students are necessary as never before. The money goes through. None of it has been seized, and all of it is being used with great discretion.

I have just recently had the privilege of a visit with our Cuban ministers in Miami. I wish you could know every one of them. They are well trained, highly intelligent, and deeply devoted. To know them is to love them. They deserve our full support.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

Sincerely,
JAMES W. HENLEY

ORMED IN ORLANDO—

Statewide Organization To Promote Concern over Business on Sunday

A statewide moral persuasion movement to arouse public concern about the growing number of stores that are open on Sunday was launched last month at an Orlando meeting.

The Rev. William W. Roughton, pastor of First Church, Fort Lauderdale, was elected co-chairman of the Florida Committee for Sunday Observance along with Charles Fletcher, a prominent Baptist layman.

Both men are from Fort Lauderdale, where a Sunday observance movement has gained widespread community support under their leadership.

The presidents of local ministerial associations, plus a group of concerned laymen, representing about 60 counties, attended the Orlando meeting. They expressed unanimous concern about the advancement of a trend to disregard Sunday as a day of worship, rest and family activity.

The meeting was sponsored by the Florida Council of Churches and United Christian Action. The executive secretaries of the two groups, the Rev. Jack Davis and the Rev. Jack Eppes, are furnishing assistance in developing the statewide program.

Local organizations, such as the one in Broward County, were set in motion following the statewide meeting. The committees call upon supporting groups to adopt resolutions endorsing the Sunday observance movement and urge citizens in their community to refrain from shopping on Sunday.

Discount houses, which have spearheaded Sunday store hours in most communities, claim they do 35 per cent of their week's business on Sunday, according to the Rev. John Dougherty, pastor of Crystal Lake Baptist Church in Lakeland and spokesman for a ministerial committee in Polk County.

As a result of the Sunday observance movement in Broward County, more than 50 organizations have adopted resolutions supporting the position that Sunday should be set aside for rest and worship. Among them are the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, JayCees, Knights of Columbus, several labor unions, YMCA, Broward County Furniture Dealers' Association, Automobile Dealers' Association and many others.

While shopping on Sunday is a voluntary act on the part of the consumers, many store employees have no choice in the matter. They must either work on Sundays or lose their jobs. One of the objectives of the Sunday observance movement is to bring about public awareness of the hardship created for these employees.

Pictured above is the new parsonage acquired by College Park Church, Orlando. It has a living-dining room, library, three bedrooms, two baths, kitchen and two-car carage. Shown at an open house for the parsonage are (from left): Mrs. Richardson, the Rev. R. T. Richardson, pastor; the Rev. L. Elbert Wilson, associate pastor; the Rev. Bruce Gannaway, district superintendent; Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Gannaway.

GAMBLING ISLE PROPOSED OFF FLORIDA COAST

The desire of many to bring organized gambling to Florida may soon take the approach of a "gambling island" far enough offshore to be free of state and national control.

Two Central Florida promoters hope to create an offshore island, Atlantis, on submerged reefs more than three miles east of Elliot Key—not far from Miami.

"The idea of a casino—a place where gambling would be allowed as it is in Nevada—so close to the Florida 'Gold Coast' has been a dream of a lot of people," claims William T. Anderson, Titusville, an employee of the U.S. Corps of Engineers and one of the promoters.

He said both the state and federal governments have acknowledged that they have no claim to the reefs and that they are in international waters.

Churches Lack Interest In Colleges—Buttrick

Few church-related colleges are dominated by their denominations, Florida Southern College students and faculty were told by an eminent Presbyterian theologian, the Rev. George A. Buttrick.

"On the contrary, I find that churches, generally, have a rather pathetic lack of interest in their colleges," Mr. Buttrick said.

"Church-related colleges have something extra — a concern for the whole man — which state colleges and universities cannot match," he added.

SECOND MILE AWARD

'She's Trying To Adopt the Whole Navy'

. . . The fun, the joy in religion begins with the second mile.—Henry W. Blackburn

"Mij" (Mother-in-Jacksonville) is the affectionate title given to Mrs. Lillian Perpall by a number of older youth who she has "adopted" while they were far away from their own families.

Servicemen and others who are away from home to work or study find love and the stability of a Christian home in the Everett Perpall family, which radiates warmth and hospitality at a time when it might be shrouded with sadness and disillusionment.

For this reason Mrs. Perpall is nominated for our "second mile award" by one of her grateful adoptees, Miss Jeanette Carey, a nurse at Brewster Hospital in Jacksonville.

Miss Carey writes:

"Following the sudden tragic death of a teenage daughter over a year ago, the Everett Perpell family feels the grief and the deep loss but has not allowed their lives to be burdened down by it. Lillian asserts that no one could ever take Nan's place, but (although she often experiences that lonely aching of their loss) she knows that life is more than death and has confidence they will be together in eternity. Lillian has a deep spiritual faith and courage that truly is expressed in her newly discovered art of writing poetry . . .

Give me another
To serve, Dear Lord,
That I may live
In Thy accord,
The peace within
My heart will grow
If through my life
Thy love will show.
O let me give
Myself away
To help another
Day by day.
While serving
There's no time to cry.
Thank God that Love
Can never die!"

Sunday dinner with the Perpall family, including Mr. and Mrs. Perpall, Wayne, Granny Foster, Carol, and five of the six "adopted" young people who were present that day.

She frequently visits others in their sorrow, sharing her meaningful poetry, her warm smile and her radiant personality.

As a teacher of the Older Youth Sunday School Class at First Church, Jacksonville, Mrs. Perpall comes into contact with scores of young people. She extends this contact beyond the class by "adopting" a number of them who are far from home.

"She's trying to adopt the whole U.S. Navy," Mr. Perpall has exclaimed in jest. He jokingly threatens to send a room-and-board bill to the U.S. government.

There's no knowing how many "extras" will be at the Sunday dinner table in the Perpall hou until after Lillian is through "co lecting" them following worshi service at the church. Generall there is a need for five or s more places.

Miss Carey writes:

"Before homemade chocolate ic cream is served for dessert, th 'family' joins together in devo tions using the **Bible** and **Th Upper Room.** The 'newest' gues always do the dishes for th 'helps to build character.' Fre quently, one of the adoptees stay with them overnight or all wee end . . . and for all who come, seems 'just like home.' Even group of non-English-speakin Arabian sailors felt and responde to their warmth and Christian ity."

If you know someone — ma woman or child; minister or lay man — who you feel has gone th "second mile" in some churc activity, please submit his nam and the reasons for your choic to the Florida Methodist, Box 90 Lakeland.

"Our children only spend one sixth of their waking time schools, which is about the sam amount of time they spend loo ing at television. You can't teac children moral principles in the short length of time. The churc es must do it and the paren must do it." — Admiral Hyma Rickover.

ARLINGTON GIRL SCOUTS ON COVER

This week's cover features two members of the Gateway Girl Scout Council, Christy Thorsen (left) and Jean Love, arranging flowers in Arlington Church Jacksonville, which sponsors their troop.

Girl Scout week is celebrated March 10-16, commemorating the founding of the first Girl Scout troop in Savannah, Ga., by Juliette Low in 1912.

As with Boy Scout troops, Methodist churches are among the chief sponsors of the Girl Scout units.

IARED BY 3 MISSIONARIES—

ew Plane To Aid Work of 'Spotty' Spottswood in Philippines

A Methodist "air force," con-ting of three pilots and one ek, green-and-white plane, is ing into operation on the is-nd of Mindanao in the Philip-nes.

The plane, a four-place, single gine Cessna 170, was expected arrive on Mindanao in Febru-y. It will immediately be press-into service in helping The thodist Church carry out its angelistic, education, social and dical ministry to thousands of rsons in the remote mountains d jungles of Mindanao.

'he three missionary-pilots who l share equally in flying the ne are: The Rev. John E. nkle, Jr., of Vincennes, Ind.; Rev. Raymond E. Lanham of ndlay, Ohio, and the Rev. Cur-n L. (Spotty) Spottswood of inesville.

'he plane was purchased by the thodist Board of Missions for ,000. The funds for buying and uipping the craft, and for oper-ng it on Mindanao, are being vided through advance special ts by Methodist churches in rida, Virginia, Oklahoma, Ari-na, Indiana and Pennsylvania.

1959 model with 213 hours of flight service, the plane has n used primarily for pleasure the past. On Mindanao, it will ve a very different use. It will Filipino Methodist doctors, rses, evangelists, teachers and er workers from place to place meet the varying needs of the sion program.

ne of the Cessna's principal s will be to transport a medical m, composed of a doctor, a rse and a dentist, from its dquarters at Kidapawan to ote mountain, valley and stal villages, where no other dical service is available. To ch some villages now requires ee or four days by truck and t.

ther frequent passengers will lay evangelists who are open-Methodist work in hitherto eached areas of Mindanao, ticularly the region around nboanga. The laymen are ned in a special school at apawan, the Methodist head-rters, and then assigned to hurched villages to start a gregation and serve as the pastor. Many such villages

"Spotty" Spottswood and new plane

are almost inaccessible except by plane or by foot journeys of a week or more.

"The plane will literally give wings to the Christian Gospel and make possible its extension to places which could not be reached before without extreme difficulty," said Mr. Spottswood, who saw the Cessna on a brief visit in January. "In saving each of the pilots about a month each year in travel time, the plane will make it possible to get much more work done and will allow more Filipino workers to be taken to more places of need in a much shorter time."

Because so much of the flying will be to remote areas, the flying conditions will not be easy. All of the landing strips used by missionary pilots, other than commercial fields, are grass runways. Most are 10 yards wide and 450 feet long, and cost from $50 to $350 to build. They have been built by Filipino Christians, laboring with their hands.

For Mr. Spottswood, known throughout Methodism as "the flying parson of the Philippines," the Cessna will be the third plane he has used in missionary service. He learned to fly before going to the Philippines in 1946. For the other two pilots, Mr. Hinkle and Mr. Lanham, this will be the first plane. They have learned to fly since being in the Philippines.

This plane was taken apart and crated for shipment at Teterboro Airport in New Jersey. It is being shipped by ocean freight from New York to the Philippines. Mr. Spottswood had a chance to check-out and test-fly the plane before it was disassembled.

The church making the largest Advance Special gift toward the plane is the Pasadena Community Church in St. Petersburg. It has given $7,000. Other churches contributing toward buying, equipping and operating the plane are: First Church, Gainesville; First Church, Tulsa, Okla.; Washington Street Church, Alexandria, Va.; First Church, Orlando; Christ Church, St. Petersburg; and Park Temple Church, Fort Lauderdale.

Bishop Henley, Berg To Speak in Memphis

Bishop Henley and R. H. Berg, conference lay leader, will be among the principal speakers at the fifth quadrennial Methodist Southeastern Judisdictional Convocation at First Church, Memphis, on March 5-7.

Bishop Henley will speak March 6 on the topic: "Aldersgate and Youth." Mr. Berg, speaking as president of the General Board of Lay Activities, will discuss "Aldersgate and the Layman."

Theme of the convocation will be "Aldersgate: Then and Now."

The theme will tie in with Aldersgate Year, which is being observed by Methodists in 1963. The special year commemorates the "spiritual rebirth" experience of John Wesley, founder of Methodism, in a meeting on Aldersgate Street in London, 225 years ago.

Crosscurrents

(A Forum of Methodist Opinion)

The views expressed in these columns are solely those of the writer or the person quoted and do not necessarily represent the policies of The Methodist Church. "Crosscurrents" does not endorse or criticize the opinions expressed, serving instead as an open forum for Methodists of varying points of view.

(Editor's Note—The following statements are taken from an address to members of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns by Dr. Robert H. Hamil, dean of the chapel at Boston University. His remarks were on the theme, "Moral Man and Moral Society," which is the 1963-64 emphasis of the board. A more complete account of his address can be found in the Feb. 15, 1963 issue of Concern magazine.)

Moral Indignation 'Out of Style'

Wrongdoing is not new in this country, but what is new is the fact that we seem no longer ashamed of what we are doing. We accept it as normal, even unavoidable. Admittedly, the roots of behavior are tangled, as the social and human sciences have taught us. The problems are complex. Our freedom is limited, our capacities are feeble, our thought is twisted by the cultural mores and some behavior is compulsive.

Consequently we smoke when we know the evidence about cancer; we gamble when we know we can't win; we are not rational enough to behave in our own self-interest. Due to theological and psychiatric insights we are tempted to say there are no blacks and whites, only shadings of gray — which is sound theology and good counseling, but often bad ethics.

Moral indignation has gone out of style. It is no longer fashionable to hold positive convictions about right and wrong. On the contrary, it is stylish to be confused, to see both sides of the issue, to admit it's a tough question, and finally to throw up the hands in despair.

We Love the World Because God Loves It

Our task now is to reawaken the atrophied nerve endings of the conscience, to recover the capacity to dream about a thoroughly moral society. I still believe in men's possibility for greatness. Despite all the fraud and violence and inhumanity to man, men are still capable of decent work and courage and sacrifice. Brotherhood is not too wild a dream.

Christian social concern — the intent to arouse moral man and to create a moral society — is not tied to the old liberal theology with its faulty understanding of human nature and its naive confidence in parades and letters to Congress, a faith which today would be caricatured by a book entitled **How to Bring in the Kingdom without Half-Trying.** Rather, this concern is rooted to a tough view of human nature and in faith that God has not junked this world but still has hopes for it. Surely Jesus was not sentimental — he knew what was in men, yet he expected them to watch with him, suffer with him, drink his cup and follow him, yea, to do greater things than he did! . . .

We love the world because God loves it. We reform the world because we need more effective ways to love our neighbors. We call the world to be obedient, but obedient to God, not to us. We create in the world good laws and a just economy, to check our own rebellion and greed . . .

Moral Issues of Life Are Specific

Sound decisions in business and government require bifocal vision: the ability to see both the realities of the problem and their moral implications. The ministry of the laity is not to be part-time ministers in the church but full-time Christians in their daily jobs.

After all, the moral issues in this life are not questions of purity and honesty and justice in general, but precise questions about whether to fire **this** employe, what specifications to put into **that** job, and **what** kind of regulation will work out for human good. Moral man and moral society are not a dream at all, but stern necessity, and no one profits by postponing it.

CHURCH and WORLD

By GEORGE HILL
Minister of World Affairs
Palma Ceia Church, Tampa

QUESTION—What would be policy of "total victory" in today world?

ANSWER—The only real victor possible in today's world is on in which we make serious use o what we often talk about—**spirit ual power.** This is not an ethe real sort of thing, but consists o hard-headed, persistent use o those actions and words whic will break the circle of mutua hatred, blame, and threat, an which will persuade the adver sary that his own best interest will be served by cooperation an conciliation rather than belliger ence.

And mark this well: The mor responsible position of leadership a man has, the more concerne he becomes for spiritual power This was true of President Eisenhower; this is true of Presiden Kennedy. These men, charge with the awesome responsibility of deciding life-or-death questions for human civilization, confront the stark reality tha spiritual power is the only thing that can be really effective fo good. This is why they propos people-to-people programs, Peac Corps, Alliance for Progress, th Disarmament Agency, information exchange, cultural exchange and the like.

It is the people who are far removed from responsibility — wh do not have to live personall with the policies they are advocating — who shout the loudes for "total military victory," an "driving the enemy to his knees." The tragedy is that this elemen has great influence on the Congress, particularly the House o Representatives, so that the administration has great difficult securing adequate support fo creative movements which woul embody spiritual power—and tha you and I, by our silence let then get away with it.

First Church, Bradenton, recently made a down payment on a 15-acre site for a new church in West Bradenton. Inspecting the site are (standing, from left): Raymond Turner, chairman of finance commission; the Rev. Harry H. Waller, district superintendent; and the Rev. Thomas Glenn Mitchell, pastor. Kneeling (from left) are: C. Rowland Shannon, chairman of the district board of missions; Malcolm Duggan, chairman of the First Church board of trustees, and C. H. Wooten, Sr., secretary of the board of trustees. The sign erected on the property was designed and painted by Frank Andre, a member of First Church.

Remodeling Underway for 'Old Stone' Church

"Old Stone Church" (First Methodist) in Key West was constructed in 1877 out of native coral stone hewed from underneath and to the side of the building.

The two-feet-thick walls and foundation, reported to measure seven feet deep, have solidly withstood the test of time, but in recent years the interior of the church has needed repair.

The building is now undergoing remodeling in conjunction with the construction of a new educational-fellowship hall for the church. The total project will cost $127,500, not including furnishings.

The remodeling of the sanctuary includes a new floor, rearrangement of the chancel area, air conditioning, and a new pipe organ. The educational-fellowship hall will consist of five classrooms, secretary's office, pastor's study, a spacious dining area, kitchen, and rest rooms.

During the 118-year history of the church it has served as a "mother" church for Fleming Street, Ley Memorial and El Salvador churches in Key West and assisted in the formation of Big Coppitt Church in recent years.

Mrs. Zelma Curry, next to the oldest living person in years of membership, was assisted in breaking ground by Allan Hampton, church lay leader and building committee chairman; the Rev. Joseph Jones, pastor; members of the building committee, and many other members of the congregation who took turns in turning a spade of dirt.

Bishop Moore To Fill Interim Appointment

Bishop Arthur J. Moore has been appointed to serve as interim pastor of Saint Mark Church, Atlanta, until the next session of the North Georgia Conference.

The appointment necessarily cancels Bishop Moore's participation in many "New Life Meetings" in the Florida Conference this spring.

All Funds Increase Except Radio-TV Ministry Fund

Two-thirds of the way through the current fiscal year, Methodists were showing good gains in all but one of the general benevolence and administrative funds.

In an eight-month summary reporting on receipts for 11 general funds of The Methodist Church, the Rev. Don A. Cooke said that only the Methodist Televison-Radio Ministry was lagging behind the receipts for a similar eight-month period a year ago. Mr. Cooke, a former Floridian, is general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, Evanston, Ill.

Amounts received for the June-through-January period were:

World Service, $8,130,333.62, up 3.02 per cent; World Missions, $3,537,391.21, up 5.3 per cent; National Missions, $755,919.14, up 9.87 per cent; and Overseas Relief, $555,840.00, up 31.6 per cent.

Pastor at Indian Lake Suffers Heart Attack

The Rev. T. R. Jones, pastor of Indian Lake Estates Church in Polk County, is a patient in a Lake Wales hospital following a heart attack.

The Rev. John J. Rooks, Lakeland District superintendent, said the following are filling his pulpit for a five-week period: Feb. 24, Dr. Charles T. Thrift, president of Florida Southern College; March 3, the Rev. Walter Dobbie, a retired minister of the Northern New York Conference; March 10, the Rev. Dennis DeLacure, chaplain at Florida Southern College; March 17, Jack Detweiler, editor of the **Florida Methodist**; and March 26, the Rev. Henry W. Blackburn, evecutive director of church extension.

World Service Unit Sets May 2 Meeting

The Commission on World Service and Finance will hold its pre-conference meeting on Thursday, May 2, at 11 a.m. in the Methodist Building, Lakeland.

All boards and agencies of the conference desiring to make requests to the commission are urged to have their material available for the commission at this meeting.

Ft. Lauderdale Couple Provides $10,500 Scholarship Fund For Pre-Ministerial Students at Florida Southern College

A $10,900 gift to Florida Southern College by a Fort Lauderdale couple, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Merrell, will be used to start a special scholarship fund for pre-ministerial students.

The Merrells are active members of Christ Church, Fort Lauderdale. They decided to start the new scholarship fund at Florida Southern after conferring with their pastor, the Rev. W. Ellis Williamson.

"Mr. and Mrs. Merrell assisted several pre-theological students prior to establishing the scholarship fund at Florida Southern," Mr. Williamson said.

"It is our belief that the courses available in a good church-owned liberal arts college are more strongly contributive to an academic foundation for later graduate work in a seminary than those offered by state-owned institutions," he added.

To be known as the Student Ministers' Scholarship Fund, the program is designed to assist able but needy Methodist pre-ministerial students complete their undergraduate work at Florida Southern, said Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., president of the college.

"It is our hope, and that of Mr. and Mrs. Merrell, that other Methodists will give to this fund as a means of helping worthy students achieve their goal of becoming ministers," Dr. Thrift said.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrell are charter members of Christ Church, where he is secretary of the board of trustees and a member of the finance commission. He is also a member of the Methodist Board of Church Extension for the West Palm Beach District.

Previously, they were members of Park Temple Church, Fort Lauderdale, which sponsored the organization of Christ Church.

Mr. Merrell is the son of the late Rev. D. W. Merrell, a Methodist pastor in Ohio for more than 30 years.

Pennies Mount Up in 20-Year Period, Provide $3,915 for Children's Home

"Penny, the Orphan Pig," a small glass pig into which members could drop pennies as they left the classroom, originated a program enabling the Wesleyan Bible Class of First Church, Winter Park, to donate a total of $3,914.88 to the Methodist Children's Home in the past 20 years.

In 1943 the class took a special offering and sent $14.88. The next year $100 was sent. Later, Miss Willard Bishop set up the program to help the orphanage and bought the pig. In 1949, because of the increase in membership and attendance, two orphan pigs were needed to hold the offerings. The past three years, the class has sent in $300 each year.

The Wesleyan Class, organized in 1919, has been sending money for the support of a worker in Nagpur, India, since 1921.

Seminary Students Deplete Loan Fund

Attending seminary seems to stimulate the pocketbook as well as the mind, and many a man graduates with a sheepskin in one hand and an empty billfold in the other.

Graduates of the Candler School of Theology, and others who wish to help its students through their financial turmoils, are urged to contribute to the Emory Club Loan Fund, which has been set up to aid seminary students borrow funds to pay their expenses.

The Rev. Kenneth R. Jones, treasurer, reports the fund is depleted and requests for help are still being made. He asks that gifts to the Emory Club Loan Fund be sent to him at Aloma Methodist Church, 3045 Aloma Ave., Winter Park.

'Workers With Youth' Has Article by Floridian

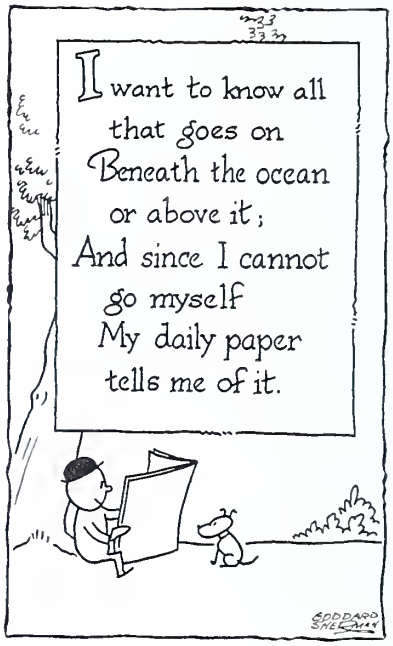
Mrs. Marian Gannaway, wife of the district superintendent of the Orlando District, has written in the February issue of **Workers With Youth** a script for a Good Friday service of meditation entitled, "There's a Man on the Cross."

Workers With Youth provides full resources for teachers, counselors and other adult leaders working with Methodist Youth Fellowship groups.

Talks for Children

Looking for a way to talk religion to your children? A Methodist pastor in Nashville, the Rev. Harper J. Sasser, regularly gives such a talk to children at a morning service. Fifty-two of his "Children's Sermonettes" have been published by **The Upper Room**, publisher of devotional materials.

The Sunny Soul



Colleges Granted Loans

Two Methodist-related colleges with close connections to Florida Methodism have been granted loans for new housing facilities by the U.S. Housing and Home Finance Agency. Emory University received $1.3 million for housing 200 graduate and professional students, and Wesleyan College received $195,000 for added dining capacity for 104 students and an activities area.

ictured above is one of the reaction groups at the Florida Conference MYF School on Sex Morals—art of 300 young people and adults who participated in the worthwhile weekend. At right is a anel made up of Chuck Cannon, Conference MYF vice president; Miss Edith Goodwin, associate rector of youth work; Dr. Tom Strozier, a physician from Rader Memorial Church, Miami; and he Rev. Dale White, Washington, D. C., program d rector for the General Board of Christian Social Conc erns.

onference Loan Fund Payments Average $10,500 Weekly

ayments to the Conference urch Extension Loan Fund e been coming at an accelerd pace during the last six ks, reports the Rev. Henry W. ckburn, conference secretary church extension.

he payments have been mainning an average of more than 500 weekly for that period, he . Thirty charges have reached r quota during the last three nths, making a total of 172 rches which have fulfilled r obligation to this cause.

Mr. Blackburn expressed the gratitude of officials of the Board of Missions and Church Extension that so many pastors and laymen are making a determined effort to complete this phase of the conference's $2,000,000 campaign for church extension.

Churches making the honor roll since October 23, 1962 are:

DeLand District
- DeLand, Trinity

Gainesville District
- Old Town
- Orange Creek
- Trenton

Jacksonville District
- Jacksonville:
  - Arlington
  - First
  - Glynlea
  - Main Street
  - Spring Glen
- Orange Park

Lakeland District
- Haines City
- Homeland
- Lakeland, Wesley Memorial

Miami District
- Palm Springs

Orlando District
- Casselberry
- Orlando:
  - Conway
  - First
- Orlo Vista
- Winter Park, First

St. Petersburg District
- Inverness
- Spring Lake
- St. Petersburg, Lakewood

Tallahassee District
- Glen St. Julia
- Old Mt. Pleasant

Tampa District
- Dover
- Keystone
- Riverview
- Tampa, Grace

West Palm Beach District
- Fellsmere
- Okeechobee

Analogy of the Psalm 23

oe Tolle is my D. S.; I shall not waver.
Ie maketh me to see my pastorates as greener,
Ie leadeth me to preachers' retreats for spiritual enrichment;
Ie challengeth my soul.
Ie leadeth me in the paths of District Church Extension for Methodism's namesake.
Yet, though I walk through the valley of discouragement, I will not despair; for thy encouragement art with me; thy counsel and thy guidance, they discipline me.
Thou prepareth a table before me at the preachers' picnics;
Thou filleth my head with promotion.
My file runneth over with pamphlets.
Surely World Service and Conference Benevolence shall follow me all tht days of my ministry,
And Dr. Tolle shall dwell in the hearts of his preachers forever.

GENE CARTER
Pierson

"There is too much criticism of American education. All that is really wrong is television, cars and going steady."—Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr.

OVER 200 CHURCH LISTS NEEDED—

'Florida Methodist' Faces Possible Circulation Loss

The **Florida Methodist** began the 1962-63 Conference Year with the minimum expectation of receiving a church list from every charge in the conference. Hopefully, many of our churches would reach the conference-wide objective of one subscriber for every 10 members on its rolls — our "1 in 10" plan for which we have introduced a special $1.50 subscription price.

Now that three-fourths of the Conference Year is gone, we find it necessary to make a special appeal to those churches that have yet to submit this year's list. We have several thousand subscriptions at the point of expiration from churches who sent in lists a year ago in time to take advantage of our old $1 subscription rate but have not sent in a list this year. If a large portion of these subscriptions are not renewed, our circulation will fall considerably short of last year's record and the resulting decline in revenue will offset many of the improvements that we hoped to achieve through our $2 subscription price.

The majority of the churches in the conference have given the **Florida Methodist** firm support at the new subscription price. Although many church lists have been smaller than a year ago, they have been matched by other churches that have increased the number of their subscribers. Thos churches who we have credited with submittin "1 in 10" lists of subscribers from June 1, 1962, t Feb. 15, 1963, are listed below.

At this time we need special support from tw sources:

1. Those churches who have yet to submit 1962-63 subscription list. **(If your church submitte a list a year ago, we are awaiting your new li before sending individual expiration notices those whose subscriptions have expired.)**

2. Those large churches that have submitte token lists of subscribers well under 1 per cent their total membership.

Church publications cannot survive on individ ual subscriptions. Their life-blood is subscriptior solicited by an agent within each church and ser together as a list. The listing below shows tha thus far over 200 charges in the conference hav failed to make this response.

The **Florida Methodist** does not lightly tak news space to promote more subscriptions, but th seriousness of the situation prompted the executiv committee of the Commission on Public Relatior and Methodist Information to recommend such ac tion at this time.

DELAND DISTRICT

(310 subscriptions, June 1-Feb. 15)

"1 in 10" Churches:

DeBary
Geneva
Orange City
Port Orange
ST. AUGUSTINE:
Grace
Stafford-Osteen

Other Lists Received: 8
(21 charges—No list by Feb. 15)

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT

(463 subschiptions, June 1-Feb. 15)

"1 in 10" Churches:

Alachua
Anthony
Archer
Belleview
Branford
McCall's Chapel
O'Brien
Bronson
Citra-Sparr
Columbia City
Bethel
Pleasant Grove
Siloam
Fort McCoy
Fort White
Mt. Tabor
Tustenuggee
Hawthorne
LAKE CITY:
Wesley Memorial
McIntosh
Newberry
Orange Creek
Spring Hill
Wellborn-New Hope
White Springs
Williston

Other Lists Received: 9
(19 charges—No list by Feb. 15)

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT

(1,041 subscriptions, June 1-Feb. 15)

"1 in 10" Churches:

Dinsmore
Hutto-Chapel-Yulee
JACKSONVILLE:
First
Good Shepherd
Highlands
Inman Memorial
Main Street
Riverview
Snyder Memorial
Southside Estates
Wesley Memorial
Mandarin
Orange Park

Other Lists Received: 22
(13 charges—No list by Feb. 15)

LAKELAND DISTRICT

(895 subscriptions, June 1-Feb. 15)

"1 in 10" Churches:

Alturas
Bushnell
St. Catherine
Coleman
Panasoffkee
Sumterville
Fruitland Park
Haines City
Indian Lake Estates
Kathleen
LAKELAND:
Crystal Lake
Orange Heights
Trinity
Lakewood Park
Dundee
Homeland
Mascotte
LEESBURG
Christ
Oxford
Ridge Manor
Webster
WINTER HAVEN
St. John's

Other Lists Received: 12
(14 charges—No list by Feb. 15)

MIAMI DISTRICT

(727 Subscriptions; June 1-Feb. 15)

"1 in 10" Churches:

Florida City
HOLLYWOOD:
Marimar
HOMESTEAD:
Holy Trinity
Redland
KEY WEST:
Coppitt
GREATER MIAMI:
Miami Beach
Olympia Heights
Westwood

Other Lists Received: 20
(27 Charges—No list by Feb. 15)

ORLANDO DISTRICT

(938 Subscriptions, June 1-Feb. 15)

"1 in 10" Churches:

Cocoa Beach

200 More Subscription Lists Needed

Indian River City
KISSIMMEE:
First
Lockhart
Maitland
ORLANDO:
Pine Castle
Trinity
Tavares
Umatilla
Other Lists Received: 13
(22 Charges—No list by Feb. 15)

SARASOTA DISTRICT
(365 Subscriptions; June 1-Feb. 15)
"1 in 10" Churches
Bonita Springs
Charlotte Harbor
Cleveland
LaBelle
Parrish
Other Lists Received: 15
(30 Charges—No list by Feb. 15)

ST. PETERSBURG DISTRICT
(655 subscriptions; June 1-Feb. 15)
"1 in 10" Churches:
Curlew
Inverness
Oldsmar
ST. PETERSBURG:
Northside
Seminole
Other Lists Received: 21
(19 Charges—No list by Feb. 15)

TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT
(499 Subscriptions; June 1-Feb. 15)
"1 in 10" Churches:
Apalachicola
Chattahoochee
Eastpoint
Greensboro
Havana
Jasper
Live Oak
PERRY:
Grace
Sardis
TALLAHASSEE:
John Wesley
Waukeenah
Lamont
Wacissa
W. Madison-Rocky Spgs
Cherry Lake
Other Lists Received: 9
(17 Charges—No list by Feb. 15)

TAMPA DISTRICT
(399 Subscriptions; June 1-Feb. 15)
"1 in 10" Churches:
Dover
Gibsonton
PLANT CITY:
Knights
Springhead
TAMPA:
Christ
Thonotosassa
Other Lists Received: 13
(20 Charges—No list by Feb. 15)

WEST PALM BEACH DISTRICT:
(590 Subscriptions; June 1-Feb. 15)
"1 in 10" Churches
Boca Raton
FT. LAUDERDALE:
Wesley Chapel
Other Lists Received: 19
(30 Charges—No list by Feb. 19)

It is interesting to note the basic similarities and parallels between the mood and culture of our times with those of the 18th Century. John Wesley was born into a culture whose mood and values were largely the result of an 18th-Century intellectualism and the industrial revolution. Today we find ourselves in the midst of a 20th-Century intellectualism and technocracy. Each century seems to have an underlying assumption that human reason is sufficient unto salvation, and that man can really save himself.

This attitude is frequently expressed by the effort to substitute techniques and methods to accomplish that which cannot possibly be accomplished in the work of the Church apart from the effectual working of the Spirit of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, in every undertaking.

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—Bishop Marquis L. Harris
20th Century Aldersgate,
a collection of 10 messages by Methodist bishops.
Methodist Evangelistic Materials; 1908 Grand Avenue; Nashville 5, Tennessee.

Manschreck To Conduct Courses in Bradenton

Dr. Clyde L. Manschreck of the Methodist Theological School, Delaware, Ohio, will conduct two study courses on prayer in Bradenton during the week of March 3.

Dr. Manschreck conducted a similar course during the Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service School of Missions at Florida Southern College last summer.

Woman's Society members and others in the Manatee County area are invited to attend sessions of the course at Trinity Church, Bradenton at 9:30 a.m., March 4-7, or at First Church, Bradenton, at 7:30 each evening, March 3-6. He will also preach at Palmetto Church, Sunday morning, March 3.

Architect Selected For Retirement Home

The selection of Charles Edward Stade and Associates of Park Ridge, Ill., as architect for a new Methodist retirement home to be located in Bradenton has been announced by the Rev. Harry H. Waller, Sarasota District superintendent.

The firm has wide experience in the retirement home field. A feasibility analysis is being prepared by John Psiris, planning consultant, who has been involved in more than 20 retirement housing, long-term care, or congregate living facilities across the nation.

Target date for completion of the study is March 11. The retirement home in Bradenton has been approved by both the General Board of Hospital and Homes and the Florida Conference Board of Hospital and Homes.

Korean Woman Honored

The annual Upper Room Citation for 1963 will go to Dr. Helen Kim, president emeritus of Ewha Women's University, Seoul, Korea. The annual award is made for outstanding contributions to world Christian fellowship.

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News From The Churches

PLANS FOR CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCED

The Rev. John A. Briley, pastor of First Church, Kissimmee, has announced plans for a $100,000 building program to begin April 15. Carlyle W. Sweet of Fort Lauderdale, who conducted a building campaign for the church in 1958, will also direct this one. The first step will be to move the present parsonage to another site. The second unit of the educational building will be erected where the parsonage now stands. This unit will contain additional classrooms, offices, recreation area, dining hall, and kitchen.

. . . Begin new parsonage

CHURCHES JOIN TO BUILD HOME

Ground was broken on Feb. 10 for a new parsonage in Cross City — a joint project of the Cross City and Old Town churches. The $15,000 home will be located on the grounds of the Cross City Church. It will have three bedrooms, and two baths. Building committee members taking part in the ceremony are (from left): Clem Gee, Wayne Hughes, the Rev. Ernest B. Coffee, pastor; Jack Carlton, chairman; A. H. Foss; and Douglas Liles.

PALM SPRINGS HONORS YOUNG PEOPLE

A sweetheart banquet honoring the youth of Palm Springs Church, Hialeah, was held Feb. 8 with the adults serving the dinner. Seventy-five young people attended and heard a talk by Ralph Poston, who directs the conference's lay speaking program. Tables were decorated in a Valentine motif.

HIGHLANDS OPENS NEW BUILDING

Highlands Church, Jacksonville, held its first worship service in its new building on Feb. 10. The new building will serve as a sanctuary with a seating capacity of 300. Later it will serve as a fellowship hall. A kitchen was included in the $30,000 project.

FINAL PAYMENT ON PARSONAGE

First Church, Madison, made the final payment on its parsonage on Feb. 7. The Rev. John G. Stradley, pastor, commented that the building of the parsonage was one of the notable achievements of the church and expressed his thanks to those who made the lovely home possible.

WESLEY CHURCH NEARS 50TH YEAR

Wesley Memorial Church, Lakeland, is preparing to observe its Golden Anniversary in late March. The Rev. Luther V. Laite, now pastor at New Smyrna Beach after serving Wesley Memorial from 1952 to 1958, will preach the anniversary sermon.

RACE RELATIONS SERVICE HELD

The Lakeland Retired Ministers Association joined with Negro congregations in the city in sponsoring a Race Relations Sunday observance at which Dr. Charles M. Laymon, head of the religion department of Florida Southern College was speaker. The service was in the Negro Community Auditorium.

CHOIR APPRECIATION DINNER

Choir members of Ridge Manor Church were honored Jan. 27 when they and their families were guests for Sunday dinner at a well known restaurant within driving distance of the church. The church celebrated Jan. 27 as Choir Appreciation Sunday."

YOUTH LEADERS CONDUCT SERVICE

Three Florida Conference MYF officers who are members of First Church, Frostproof — a distinction held by no other Florida church this year— conducted a recent Sunday night service at the church. Chuck Cannon, a pre-ministerial student who is MYF vice president, delivered the sermon. Assisting in the service were Joyce Wardlaw, witness chairman; and G. W. Jacobs, "Tellum" editor.

. . . Lake Alfred parsonage

GENEROSITY AIDS NEW PARSONAGE

First Church, Lake Alfred, has been able to build a new parsonage for its pastor, the Rev. Darold Storm, and his family at the same time the church was completing its new sanctuary. Part of the reason is because of the generosity of its church members. The parsonage was constructed on land donated by Mrs. Maude Telford and Buddy Cox; a $19,000 home was built at cost by James C. Telford, contractor and Lake Alfred mayor. Mr. Storm also commended members of the parsonage committee, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Decker, Mrs. Telford, Mrs. G. M. Houlihan and Sidney Chen as well as C. W. Aunger, chairman of the board of trustees, of their efforts in the project.

Part of the 16 faculty members at the Jacksonville District's Christian Workers School are shown during their consecration by the Rev. J. M. McLeod, district superintendent. More than 1,400 persons braved heavy winds and rain during the week; largest attendance in history. Over 950 certificates were awarded — another new high. The school was held at Riverside Park Church.

Allapattah Finds Middle-Aged Couples A 'Forgotten Group" in Church School

In 1958 W. S. (Bill) Ross retired as church school superintendent of Allapattah Church, Miami, after 27 years of faithful service. But he didn't stay in "retirement" long.

He soon noticed that there was a need for a Sunday School class for those couples in the church who are older than "young" married but are still not "old folks." He turned his energies to forming such a class.

In many established churches the couples of this age are served by what was once a "young adult" class. As the members of the class mature, it is followed by a succession of "young, young adult" or "newly married" classes — the emphasis always being on youth.

In other churches the couples of this age group are often separated — reinforcing the fellowship shared through Methodist Men and the Woman's Society of Christian Service but severing a common bond held by the husband and wife in their youth.

At Allapattah, Mr. Ross found that many of these couples were faithful in attendance at church but did not come to Sunday school. With the blessing of the Rev. A. A. Koestline, pastor, he started a class from scratch to serve them—not taking members away from any of the established classes.

Hanson

The Rev. Harry G. Hanson, a retired minister who had just moved to Miami from Illinois to become executive secretary of the Allapattah YMCA, was chosen as the teacher.

With this leadership the "Mr. and Mrs." class first met in September, 1958, with four couples present. There are now 32 couples on the roll — not counting several couples (including Bill Ross and his wife, Bonnie) who are serving as teachers elsewhere in the church school. Twenty-one of the couples had previously lost all contact with the Sunday school — a good indication of the class' real worth.

Time is no measuring rod for the fullness of life. It is better to be a human being for a few brief years than to be a toad slumbering for a century.

—Bishop Marshall R. Reed
Michigan Area

'Hour of Sharing' Goal Set at $16.8 Million

Protestant denominations have set a goal of $16,846,140 this year in their One Great Hour of Sharing appeal for relief and rehabilitation work.

This sum is an increase of $1,595,229 over 1962. One Great Hour of Sharing is sponsored by the participating Protestant and Orthodox denominations and is conducted on their behalf by Church World Service.

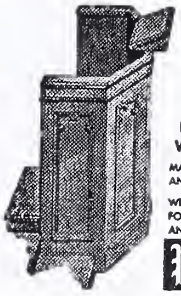
More than 94,000 church congregations throughout the nation will participate during special services to be held on Sunday, March 24, in most instances.

Gainesville District Plans Music Workshop

A choral clinic and music workshop for church musicians in the Gainesville District will be held at First Church, Gainesville, on March 23.

John Finley Williamson, president emeritus of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, N.J., will serve as resource person for the sessions. They will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Registrar is Mrs. E. Ruffin Jones, First Methodist Church, 419 N.E. First Street, Gainesville. Cost is $1.50 for dinner.



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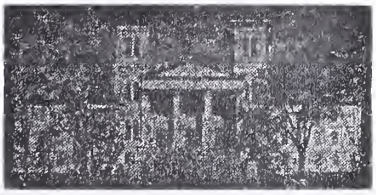

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Deaths

Mr. A. R. Ivey

Mr. Algenon Roscoe Ivey, 65, New Smyrna Beach, died on Feb. 11. In his 42 years at New Smyrna Beach, he served in virtually every capacity at First Church including many years as chairman of the official board. His wife, Mrs. Frances Roberts Ivey, was president of the Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service during 1953-56. The Rev. Luther V. Laite, pastor of First Church, paid this tribute to Mr. Ivey at his funeral: "His was the cohesive faith that held the church together during the trying years of the early 30's and the early days of the Unification. He was a dominate force in the planning and building of the new sanctuary."

Arrives in Argentina

A newspaper clipping from Buenos Aires, Argentina, reports that the Rev. Victor Rankin began his appointment as minister at First Methodist Church there on Feb. 3. Mr. Rankin and his wife previously served as missionaries to Cuba. Their older son, David, is a student at Florida Southern College. Their youngest son, Larry, will be in his first year of high school in Buenos Aires.

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'Alumni Day' on March 23 To Climax Annual Founders Week at Florida Southern College

"Alumni Day" on Saturday, March 23, will climax this year's Founders Week program at Florida Southern College, Lakeland.

The day will begin at 9 a.m. with a coffee and registration at the campus alumni office, followed by campus tours at 10:30 and a luncheon.

At 2:30 p.m. the alumni will install national officers and hear a progress report by Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., president of Florida Southern. The annual banquet is scheduled at 7:30 p.m.

Parlin

Eugene Roberts, Lakeland, is national president of the Alumni Association. He and Frank Foland director of alumni affairs at the college, urge former FSC students from throughout the state to plan to return to campus on Alumni Day.

President-elect of the national association is the Rev. Thomas Mitchell, pastor of First Church, Bradenton.

Southern's annual Founders Week celebration will begin March 20 with a variety of student activities.

Charles C. Parlin of New York, prominent lawyer and internationally-known Methodist layman, will serve as honorary chancellor. He will give the main address at a convocation at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 22. Florida Methodists are invited to hear him.

Long a leading layman in church affairs, he is one of six presidents of the World Council of Churches, vice president of the World Methodist Council, and a member of the general board of the National Council of Churches.

Methodist Hospitals, Homes Are Expanding

There are now 255 hospitals, homes for older persons, and children's homes affiliated with the National Board of Hospitals and Homes, reports Dr. Olin E. Oeschger, general secretary. This is a net increase of five over a year ago.

Full-time personnel numbers 43,785, plus 14,703 doctors and countless volunteer workers. Sixty-three new building and expansion projects were started during the year. These involve costs close to 25 million dollars, he said.

'Literacy Explosion' Provides Big Challenge

Growing literacy among the peoples of the world offer an unprecedented challenge to the American Bible Society.

For instance, it has been estimated that 40 years ago in India there was one portion of Scripture available for every 10 literates. Thirty years ago there was one portion for every 50 literates. Ten years ago it was one portion of Scripture for every 150 literates. In 1961, despite the tremendous efforts of the churches in cooperation with the Bible Society, there was one portion available for every 300 literates.

The literacy explosion in India is making possible the annual distribution of more than three million Scripture portions there, and yet that amount is grossly inadequate.

CALENDAR

March 2-4—Annual Wesleyan Service Guild Weekend, Methodist Youth Camp, Leesburg.

March 1—World Day of Prayer.

March 6-8—Southeastern Jurisdictional Convocation, First Methodist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

March 15-17—Recreation Workshop for Adults, Leesburg Youth Camp.

March 20-27—Southeastern Jurisdiction Recreation Workshop, Leesburg Youth Camp.

March 21-23—Founders Week, Florida Southern College.

March 23—Alumni Day, Florida Southern College.

Marer 24—One Great Hour of Sharing.

March 24—World Service Sunday in Church School.

March 29-31—Florida Conference Recreation Workshop for Youth, Leesburg Youth Camp.

March 31—Florida Methodist Children's Home Sunday.

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NEW SANCTUARY IN USE—

Both Communion Table, Pulpit Central at Lake Alfred Church

A chancel in which both the Communion table and pulpit are central is one of the most striking features of the new sanctuary at First Church, Lake Alfred.

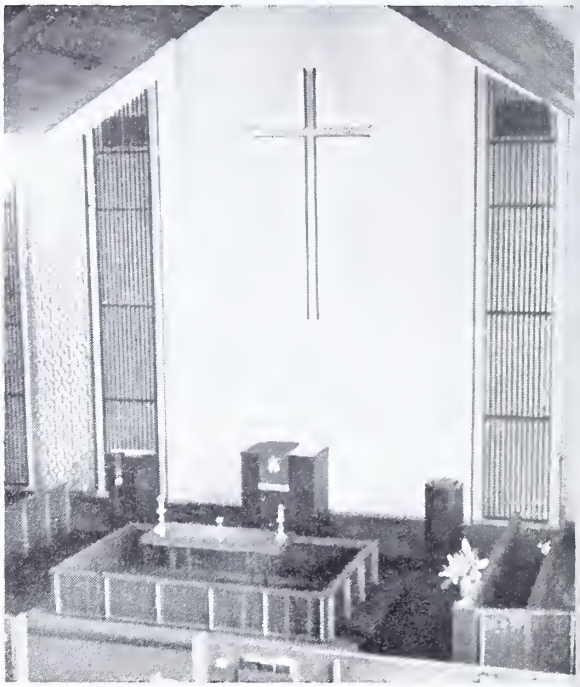
The balance illustrates the ministry of the church, explains the Rev. Darold N. Storm, pastor. Both the preaching of the word and the administering of the sacraments are central.

The church was designed from ideas formulated by its former pastor, the Rev. Dennis DeLacure, who preached his last sermon at its cornerstone laying in December after assuming his duties as chaplain at Florida Southern College.

The square altar rail will accommodate 27 worshippers at a time. The church's capacity is 278, and Mr. Storm reports that average attendance has been 235 since the new building was completed.

On the cornerstone, in three lines, is inscribed "To The Glory of God," "First Methodist Church 1962," "Jesus Christ The Chief Cornerstone." The ancient sign of the fish, which symbolizes the first confession of faith, is inscribed above a row of stones collected in the Holy Land at various places connected with Christ's ministry. These will be set in chronological order.

The new sanctuary, which has several Wesleyan features, has stimulated the congregation's interest in Methodism and Mr. Storm is conducting a six-week instruction course about the denomination as a result of this interest.



New Lake Alfred Sanctuary

Park Temple Quilters Aid Others by Sewing

Fingers fly regularly each Thursday at Park Temple Church, Ft. Lauderdale, as members of the Park Temple Quilters gather to serve through sewing.

Actually, there are three divisions of labor among the women. There are quilters, piecers and sewers. The quilters and piecers combine talents to make quilts which are either sold or given to a local rest home or to needy families.

The Quilters recently held their annual tea and quilt show at which their creations are displayed and items are offered for sale. Proceeds from the sale go to the church and a scholarship fund. The women are presently helping a local girl at Stetson University.

The sewers make clothing that is given to the Seminole Indian children each September for school, at Christmas and at Easter. They also donate to needy families.

During the winter season the group grows to about 80 participants. In the summer attendance drops to 35.

FROM 6 TO 600 MEMBERS—

Tamiami Celebrates 40th Anniversary

The 40th anniversary of Tamiami Church was celebrated Feb. 17 at the Sunday evening service with a former pastor, the Rev. John A. Briley, preaching the sermon.

Mr. Briley was pastor at Tamiami Church from 1954-59 when a modern two-story educational building and parking facilities were added to the church property. He is now pastor at First Church, Kissimmee.

Two other former ministers presently serving in the Miami area—the Rev. Floyd W. Cooper, pastor at Rader Memorial Church and the Rev. Arthur R. Charlesworth, pastor at Bryan Memorial Church—took part in the service along with the present pastor, the Rev. Gordon N. Craig.

Mr. Craig noted that Tamiami Church was organized in 1923 by White Temple Church with six charter members. Today it has 600 members.

Notification Needed On Changes in Status

Full clerical members of the Florida Conference desiring a change in their conference relation at the approaching session of the Annual Conference should address their requests promptly to the Committee on Conference Relations; the Rev. John B. Gill, Jr., secretary; P.O. Box 115, St. Augustine, Florida.

This includes ministers planning retirement, sabbatical leave, supernumerary and voluntary location; and also ministers returning to the effective relation from these classifications.

3 Attend MSM Seminar

Three Florida college students were among 63 participants in the United Nations-Washington seminar sponsored by the Methodist Student Movement. They were Gerald Gandy, Jacksonville, Florida State University; Olivia Lopez, Miami, Wesleyan College and Edward L. Sizemore, Hialeah, McNeese State College.

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The Bishop Calls—

Dear Friends:

Thrilling reports are coming from all over the state with regard to the evangelistic services underway in our Methodist Churches. Congregations are being awakened to the reality of the Gospel and its meaning for the lives of individuals and communities. Let us pray to God that the days remaining between now and Easter will be filled with spiritual blessings for all of our people and that thousands will be born into our Christian fellowship through a vital Christian experience.

Let me call your attention to an issue of tremendous concern for the entire state. It is a matter of conviction on the part of most of our church people that the sale of beer, wine and whiskey should be excluded from grocery stores, drug stores and automobile service stations. It is our belief that this accessibility of alcoholic beverages has a devastating effect upon the youth of our state. Furthermore, intoxicants are having a pernicious effect upon family life.

Let me urge every Florida Methodist who concurs with me to write his state senator and representatives asking for appropriate and effective legislative action. The 1963 Florida Legislature meets April 2 through May 31. Now, before the legislature convenes, is the time for you to register your convictions. The legislators and the governor want to know what Florida citizens are really thinking. The truth of the matter is, the Christian ministers and Christian laity have been silent too long. You may be confident that the liquor interests have been on the spot with personal representatives who are well paid to speak eloquently in their behalf.

One of the most alarming facts in American Protestantism is that the Sunday School Movement has leveled off—in an era of increasing population. This does not auger well for our Christian witness 15 years from now. The Sunday school is one of our most valuable evangelistic agencies. Moreover, our boys and girls and young people depend upon it for their instruction in Bible and Christian living, supplementing the Christian nurture of the home. Out of the life of our Sunday school comes more than half of our new members on profession of faith. There is no justifiable reason for this stoppage in the growth of Sunday school attendance. We must provide the best schools of which we are capable.

On Feb. 24 I preached at DeLeon Springs. Brother DeKalands has been in the hospital, seriously ill. I had a delightful time with the people of his congregation. They were exceedingly gracious. On the way down I stopped in at St. James Church, Palatka (9:15 a.m.) to see Brother Ralph Todd. He was on the job, getting ready for the 11 o'clock service. At 9:45 I found Brother Don Mizell giving a very special Sunday school talk to a class of juniors at our church at Crescent City. At 10:40 I paused in Pierson to see Brother Eugene Carter. He took me through his Sunday school and introduced me to the classes. When I arrived at DeLeon Springs it was straight up 11 o'clock.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service will be holding its annual meeting in Community Methodist Church, Daytona Beach, April 23-24. The women of our church are rendering a magnificent service in the name of our Lord. Blessings on them. We are all grateful for the leadership that Mrs. David R. Thurman is giving the Methodist women of our conference.

Sincerely yours,
JAMES W. HENLEY

World Needs Right Kind of Rebel

Over 150 college students from Florida colleges and junior colges took a weekend out from udies during February to attend e state conference of the Methdist Student Movement at the eesburg Youth Camp.

This year the young people had structed the conference's planers that they wanted sermons stead of addresses and discusons. In response to this, sermons ere delivered by three noted eachers — the Rev. J. Wallace amilton, pastor of Pasadena ommunity Church, St. Petersrg, the Rev. J. Claude Evans, haplain at Southern Methodist niversity; and the Rev. B. J. iles, editor of **Motive,** Methodist ublication for college students.

Mr. Hamilton opened the conrence by deploring what he aintained was "a widespread onspiracy against the rebel ind." He maintained that the bel is not a subversive but our ope for the future—if he is the ght kind of rebel.

He contended that the tragedy this age is that the spirit of revolution has been twisted and perverted to the point that it is often identified with the causeless and the Godless. He outlined five types of rebels:

1. The Rebel without a Cause—The beatnik, the defiant ones; negative rebellion — normal in adolescence — that wants to be free from something but doesn't know what it wants to be free for.

2. The Rebel without a Chart—Not content with negative revolt, wanting to make a new world but launching out into the uncharted world of absurdity; abstract art forms, revolt against grammar, anti-music, the spirit of rebellion gone berserk.

3. The Rebel without a Creed—Revolt of man against his Creator; story old as Eden but now on a large scale; man wanting to be God, making his own rules, and acting like the devil.

4. The Rebel without a Cross—An attempt to hack out a short cut to Paradise, full of schemes to change everything but the human heart; seeking social solutions and social salvation.

5. The Christian Rebel—"We who hold the Bible in our hands, followers of Jesus Christ, are followers of the oldest and noblest radical revolution in history." Jesus was put to death as an agitator, a public nuisance; he was the most radical of all the rebels in the world, he went to the roots—didn't tinker with the externals; he went after the heart to change the man, did not believe good could come from unredeemed people.

The Rev. Austin Holladay, director of the Wesley Foundation at Florida State University, discusses his exhibit with Gerrie Elliott, Florida Southern and Ann Roth, FSU. In the background, Mrs. H. G. Roudenbush, Hialeah, secretary of student work for the Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, examines another exhibit.

irley Jackman, University of uth Florida, presents a resoion calling upon the General nference to abolish the Cenl (Negro) Jurisdiction as soon possible, transfering its urches and conferences into regional jurisdictions. The resolution passed.

The Rev. J. Claude Evans, chaplain of Southern Methodist University, discusses one of the three sermons he preached at the 1963 Florida Methdist Student Movement Conference with Miss Eulalie Ginn, state MSM director, and two stuents, Emily Beals, Florida State University, and Idella Gaston, Bethune-Cookman College.

Crusade Scholars, MCOR Chief Benefactors of 'One Great Hour'

Helping educate Crusade Scholars, helping relieve suffering and want throughout the world, helping home missions churches, and helping American military men abroad in their need for church services — all these add up to the benefits of One Great Hour of Sharing which will be observed March 24.

This is the third year of full Methodist participation in the One Great Hour of Sharing on the fourth Sunday in Lent. Gifts do not go into a common fund but are expended by the denomination receiving them.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is allocated as follows in The Methodist Church: 50 per cent each to the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and the Crusade Scholarship Fund after the following fixed amounts have been paid: $75,000 capital funds for the Division of National Missions, and $30,000 for the Ministry to Servicemen Overseas.

The Crusade Scholarship Fund has provided, over a 16-year period, specialized training for more than 1,200 Methodist nationals from 59 countries.

The Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief has its own three R's — Relief, Rehabilitation and Refugee Resettlement. Ninety-one per cent of each One Great Hour of Sharing going to MCOR begins work immediately in one of these programs. Only 9 per cent is used for administration and promotion.

Close to the hearts of most Methodists has been MCOR's work with Cuban refugees in this country. MCOR was the first church agency to establish a ministry of aid to Cuban refugees in Florida. It has been organized with a director and staff since November, 1960.

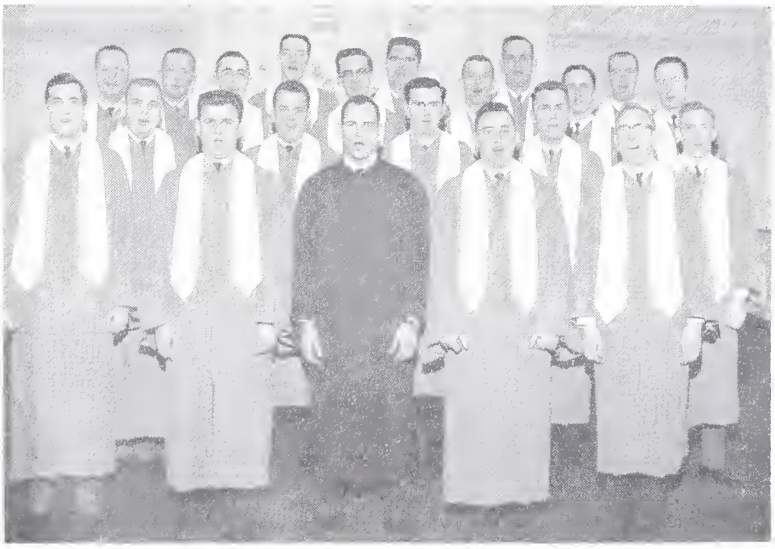
$30,000 Needed to Build New Church in Brasilia

Churches in the Florida Conference have raised about $10,000 of a $40,000 goal needed to build a modern Methodist Church in Brasilia where a Florida missionary, the Rev. Kenneth Traxler, is now serving.

The Rev. C. M. Cotton, conference missionary secretary, said it is hoped that the money will be raised in full by Annual Conference.

A recent letter from Brasilia states:

"Everyone is thrilled with the purchase of a parsonage, but the big day toward which the whole church is working is when construction begins on the Central Methodist Church of Brasilia. Projected to harmonize with the modernistic lines which characterize this city of the future, it will include facilities for the many-sided program of this growing parish."



CANDLER CHORALIERS TO TOUR FLORIDA

Candler Choraliers To Sing in Florida Churches

The Candler Choraliers of Emory University's Candler School of Theology will sing at eight churches in the Florida Conference during March as well as for a chapel service at Florida Southern College.

Their schedule is as follows: March 16, First Church, Clearwater, 7:30 p.m.; March 17, Trinity Church, Bradenton, 11 a.m.; Christ Church, St. Petersburg, 4 p.m.; and First Church, Tampa, 7:30 p.m.; March 18, First Church, Plant City, 7:30 p.m.; March 19 College Heights, Lakeland, 7:30 p.m.; March 20, chapel services Florida Southern College, 10 a.m., and Morrison Memorial Church, Leesburg, 7:30 p.m.; March 21 University Church, Gainesville, 7:30 p.m.

The choraliers are 20 young ordained ministers. The Rev. Bill Adams of Atlanta is student director. The Rev. J. Robert Miller, Plant City, is accompanist for the group.

CABINET ASKS BAN ON ALCOHOL SALES AT FAMILY OUTLETS

The following resolution was unanimously passed at the last Cabinet meeting attended by Bishop Henley and the 11 district superintendents:

"Be it resolved, that the Cabinet of the Florida Conference of The Methodist Church, composed of the Bishop and 11 District Superintendents, request that the Governor of the State of Florida, the Honorable Farris Bryant, and members of the legislature of the State of Florida in their next regular session, take all measures necessary, both legislative and administrative, to remove all sales of alcoholic beverages from grocery stores, drug stores, automobile service stations and other such retail family shopping outlets within the State of Florida. We further urge that all Florida Methodists, individually and collectively, use their influence to support such measures and encourage others to do so."

11th New Church of Year Organized at Big Pine Key

By HENRY W. BLACKBURN
Executive Secretary
Church Extension

The 11th new church for the Conference Year was organized on Feb. 17, at Big Pine Key, by the Rev. George A. Foster, district superintendent, and the Rev. Gerald Brommitt, pastor. Sixty-two persons came through the rain to attend the organization meeting of this church which is worshiping in the Lion's Club building on this large island among the lower keys off the Florida coast.

Thirty persons make up the present membership roll, and it is expected that there will be about 50 members before the charter membership list is closed. A splendid four-acre site has been secured on a main street on the island, and Methodism is maintaining its excellent record of providing facilities and religious leadership for the isolated villages of these islands along the Straits of Florida.

New Congregations

On Jan. 27, 68 persons attended an initial service held in the Bear Lake community northwest of Orlando, where the Rev. W. M. Irvin is serving as the organizing pastor of what will soon be a new Methodist Church, according to announcement of the Rev. Bruce F. Gannaway, district superintendent.

The Rev. Robert C. Holmes, district superintendent of the Tallahassee District, is giving leadership to the formation of a new congregation in what is called Alumni Village, in the southwestern part of the city of Tallahassee. Brother Guy McManus is serving as the pastor. This congregation is formed to serve the married students at Florida State University who live in a large unisity housing project, and the other residents in that section of the city.

Attendance is increasing at the worship services being conducted by our student pastor, Mr. Richard Wills, in the Pine Lake Trailer Park near the Lake Gibson area of greater Lakeland, under the guidance of the Rev. John J. Rooks, district superintendent. This church is being sponsored by the College Heights Church, where the Rev. R. Eugene Rutland and the Rev. Ben R. Blackburn are serving as pastors.

New Church Sites

The following sites have been purchased by district board of missions and church extension during the current Conference Year in anticipation of immediate or early needs for churches in the several areas: DeLand District, Oak Hill and St. Augustine Beach; Jacksonville District, Normandy Village and Ocean Way; Lakeland District, Lake Gibson; Miami District, Big Pine Key; Sarasota District, North Naples; and the Tallahassee District, Alumni Village and Town and Country sections of Tallahassee.

A Peeler Memorial Church conference recently voted unanimously to construct a new two-story fellowship hall and educational annex. A $100,000 campaign will be led by the Rev. James Bartlett of the Division of National Missions. The building will adjoin the above sanctuary, which was dedicated by Bishop Henley last fall after its debt was retired.

Demonstrates Concern

Tampa Heights Church, while wrestling with all the problems of a typical "inner city church"—declining membership, extensive repairs to old buildings, transient constituents and deteriorating housing—forgot its problems long enough to lend a helping hand to the struggling young churches of our conference.

Finding itself behind on its pledge to the Conference Church Extension Loan Fund, this fine old church, under the leadership of its new pastor, the Rev. Morrell S. Robinson, set out to do something about it. The official board recognized its obligation, and agreed to a special offering to give its people a chance to make new pledges and to present gift annuities. The church raised $2,200 on one Sunday for this loan fund.

Congratulations to pastor and people of this church, which at one time was one of the largest churches in the conference; and which, with the spirit it is showing, has a fine future as well as a great past.

Loyalty and Generosity

One of the signers of an "Intention Form" for a small church in our Conference Campaign for Church Extension learned a few weeks ago that her church was lacking $130 of paying out in full on the loan fund.

What did she do? She just sat down and wrote out a check for the entire amount her church owed and sent it in so that her church would be sure to do its part in this worthy endeavor. May her tribe increase! Do you know how your church stands with its obligation to this fund?

Crosscurrents

(A Forum of Methodist Opinion)

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(Editor's Note: The following excerpts are from the report to the General Board of Christian Social Concerns by retiring General Secretary Caradine R. Hooton.)

MANY THOUGHT-PROVOKING CHANGES

Since the last meeting of this board, the world has changed.

Space travel has become commonplace . . . New nations have emerged . . . At home, college campuses have become the battleground for explosive ideas as well as prejudices . . . We have seen armed conflict in South Vietnam, Laos and the Congo.

In New York electrical workers shortened the work week to 30 hours, school teachers struck, newspapers closed down. The government intervened in the dock strikes and held down the price of steel.

The European common market caused shifts in world economic order.

THALIDOMIDE BABIES, AND AFTERMATH

Thalidomide mutations appeared. A mercy killer was acquitted in Holland. And Mrs. Finkbine secured a legal abortion in Sweden . . . The Cuban crisis threatened global as well as personal security . . . The American Medical Association isolated arbitrary compulsory retirement as the only distinctive health problem among the aging.

One denomination encouraged 12 ministers to collaborate in a book justifying the use of alcoholic beverages as an act of courtesy to "the God who included them among His good gifts to men."

CHANGES POINT TO MORAL CHALLENGES

This is not all that has happened since we last met, but it is enough to point clearly to the fact that the moral challenges in the days ahead demand our total resources.

Ours is not the world of Methodism's beginning, as defined by historian, John Wesley Brady, who says that it was not infrequent for Parliament to postpone its meetings in order to get a quorum sufficiently sober to transact business. Ours is the world in which America's 88th Congress opened on schedule with 102 Methodists and a sizeable majority of other steady statesmen who could view intelligently the President's request for a staggering but hopeful peace-time budget.

MORE THAN TECHNICAL SKILLS NEEDED

To live in the kind of world these events will bring forth requires a new quality and way of life, more important to the needs of this generation than youth itself. God has given us new life in Christ with its unlimited possibilities for the present and the future. Since God would transmit and entrust us to use this new life, we may accept also from Him the power to share the task of reconciling the world unto Him.

To live out this privilege demands more than technical skills or knowledge of history. We must move now from a semi-defensive mood to an invading attitude. At a time when so many minds are retreating the Church must provide a service of thinking. Dr. Frederick Brown Harris wrote in "Spires of the Spirit": "Final victory for truth is on the schedule for tomorrow if invasion is not changed to evasion."

6 Denominations Urged To Pray for Spiritual Unity in Sunday Service

Members of six Protestant denominations now engaged in exploratory talks on church union are urged to participate in a general prayer for a unity of spirit on March 17 — the Sunday preceding a Consultation on Church Union scheduled for Oberlin, Ohio, on March 19-21.

Denominations participating in the consultation are the Methodist Church, United Presbyterian Church, United Church of Christ, Episcopal Church, Evangelical United Brethren, and Disciples of Christ.

Bishop Glenn R. Phillips of the Denver Area, chairman of the Commission on Church Union for the Methodist Church, has issued an invitation to the 40,000 Methist Churches in this country to use this prayer:

"Let us pray for the Consultation on Church Union, meeting this week at Oberlin, Ohio, to seek God's guidance in discovering His will for the oneness of His church.

"Eternal and most gracious God, we thank thee for Thy Church, into which we have been called from many nations and races and walks of life. We bless thee for the constant sustaining presence of thy Holy Spirit, as he has worked among the baptized through all the centuries.

"Forgive, O Lord, our lack of zeal to heal those divisions between us which flaw our proclamation of thy salvation to the world. Forgive us our narrowness of outlook, and our proud preoccupation with the structures we have built.

"Grant us, we pray thee, the courage to give up our idolatries in church and world. Make us open to the insights others may bring to us. Above all, give us patience in the dry season to await the fresh revelation of thy Holy Spirit. These things we ask not alone for the sake of thy Church, but that the world may hear and obey the word of salvation through thy Son, our one Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen."

Is Your Official Board Getting the Florida Methodist?

John R. Gregory unveils a memorial plaque to the late John B. Gregory, Sr., at the dedication of an educational unit at Dania Church. It is admired by Bishop Henley, the Rev. O. H. Hudgins, pastor, and the Rev. George A. Foster, Miami District superintendent. At right are young people who played the roles of their ancestors in a historical skit. The group included Russell Roper, Barbara Roper, Jan Roper, Tommy LaBree, Lee Wilkes, Clayton Wilkes, Johnnie Wandrum, Nancy Lee Mullikin and Charles Holding.

AT DANIA CHURCH—

Dedication, Groundbreaking Highlight 57th Anniversary Service

The Dania Church celebrated its 57th Anniversary on Feb. 10 with the dedication of one educational unit, groundbreaking for another, infant baptism of the pastor's fourth child, and a sermon by Bishop Henley.

A dinner on the grounds and a historical skit by the young people playing the roles of their ancestors who founded the church, followed this succession of special services.

Assisting Bishop Henley throughout the day were the Rev. George A. Foster, Miami District superintendent, and the Rev. O. H. Hudgins, pastor.

The John Bascum Gregory Memorial Educational Unit was dedicated by Bishop Henley, signifying that it is now debt-free. A memorial plaque was unveiled by John R. Gregory, grandson of the faithful steward and devoted leader of the church for whom it was named.

Leading the groundbreaking for the new educational unit were W. B. Heidt and D. M. Jordan, former Sunday school leaders representing church school leadership of the past, and Candy Hanna and Jimmy Smith, children of the present superintendents, representing those now serving and the church's future leadership.

Bishop Henley holds Nancy Ellen Hudgins, infant daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. O. H. Hudgins after her baptism. Also assisting in the service was the Rev. George A. Foster (center), Miami District superintendent.

The Dania Church was organized in 1906 with seven members enrolled by the Rev. E. P. Eubanks. It has continued to grow and expand despite several setbacks caused by hurricanes and other storms.

The first building was started in 1908. It was damaged by the hurricane of 1910 but soon repaired. The "Great Hurricane" of 1926 completely destroyed the church and severely damaged the parsonage.

In 1927 the present sanctuary was erected under the leadership of the Rev. W. W. Shoup. A freak storm destroyed the original parsonage in 1935 and it was rebuilt under the pastorate of the Rev. R. P. Marshall.

In January, 1958, the congregation built a mission church, the Vandenburg Memorial, in Barajagua, Oriente Province, Cuba. The money was received from the will of Mrs. Charles Vandenburg and mission contributions from the membership. This project was accomplished under the leadership of the Rev. A. D. Houghlin, pastor.

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Cuban Missionary Speaks at Annual District Meetings

Miss Sara Fernandez will accompany Mrs. David Thurman, conference president, and Mrs. Durward Johnson, conference vice president, as they visit the annual meetings of the 11 district Woman's Societies of Christian Service. The missionary to Cuba is no stranger to the women of the Florida Conference. Many know her personally, and others will welcome the opportunity to hear her speak, for she is supported in the mission field by the conference Woman's Society through the Woman's Division. Miss Fernandez and Mrs. Thurman will be the principal speakers at the annual meetings.

Fernandez

Thurman

Johnson

Since 1940 Miss Fernandez has been engaged in rural work at Omaja, Oriente Province, Cuba, where she went to do kindergarten work, but soon found herself doing whatever came to hand including preaching. Now an ordained minister, she has been baptizing, marrying, conducting funerals, administering Communion for the people of her station and the surrounding missions.

Omaja was the first rural center established by the Woman's Division in Cuba; now there are 21 missions, where each week services are held with children, youth and adults. During the past year a group of women has been designated by the Cuba Conference as "on trial preachers," although women have been doing the preaching there for 20 years!

Miss Fernandez received her first appointment as a deaconess when she worked in the Mexican Mission in Dallas, Tex. From there she went to Key West, where she worked for six years at Wesley Community House.

A native of Tampa, she received her early education in Tampa schools, and attended Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., for two years. Following this she taught for a year in Finson College, Camaguey, Cuba, then returned to the states for additional training.

She received her BA degree from Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tenn., and received training in kindergarten work at Peabody College, also in Nashville, where she later earned an MA degree.

Guild Units Pledge Over $28,100 To Missions

Units of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the Florida Conference pledged over $28,100 to missions at the Annual Guild Weekend held March 2-3 at the Leesburg Youth Camp.

Attendance at the weekend meeting was 266, including 10 district officers of the guild and 14 officers and visitors from the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Miss Sara Fernandez, who remained at her post in Cuba long after all other missionaries had left the island, was guest speaker. She told of the mounting difficulties that the churches face in Cuba under the Castro regime.

The Rev. Morrell S. Robinson, pastor of Tampa Heights Church, preached the sermon Sunday morning. Miss Margaret Field deaconess, gave devotions and was in charge of the spiritual life program.

Two delegates were selected to attend the annual meeting of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Wesleyan Service Guild. They are Thelma Damewood of Miami and Virginia Burner of Jacksonville.

A special entertainment feature of the weekend was a skit, "The Meeting Will Come to Order," presented by the Hyde Park Players of Hyde Park Church, Tampa, under the direction of Miss Kathleen Gerald.

Fire Destroys Original Buildings at Wesleyan

A fire which started in the 100-year-old Pierce Chapel destroyed the buildings which once housed Old Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga., first college in America chartered to grant degrees to women.

The present Wesleyan College is on a campus about five miles from downtown Macon — site of the fire — and was not touched by the flames that eventually left 35 families homeless as it spread from the old college building to three nearby apartment units.

The fire occurred on Feb. 24—a rainy Sunday morning in subfreezing weather. The old campus buildings were in the process of demolition to make way for a new city post office.

Just 10 days prior to the blaze, a Macon Citizens Committee to Preserve Old Wesleyan had made a "last ditch attempt" to save the buildings from demolition in hopes of preserving the Victorian structures as a national shrine.

AT WOODED CAMP—

District Holds 2nd Annual Spiritual Life Retreat

"Behold! I Make All Things New . . . " was the theme for the second annual spiritual life retreat of the Miami District Woman's Society of Christian Service held at beautiful Camp Owaissa Bauer, located on 100 acres of pine lands and tropical hammock four miles north of Homestead.

Mrs. Bruce Gray, Hastings, president of the DeLand District, was retreat leader, and the conference secretary of spiritual life, Mrs. R. V. Rains of Jacksonville, was one of the 12 counselors. Mrs. Durbin Tabb, Miami, district secretary of spiritual life, served as retreat chairman assisted by Mrs. Gaylord Anderson, district secretary of student work, also of Miami.

The program began at 9 o'clock Saturday morning and concluded at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, March 9-10. Included was an opening address by Mrs. Gray, cabin group meetings with counselors, depth Bible study, discussion and prayer in cabins, silent meditation periods, campfire sing and vespers, an early Sunday morning Communion service, a hymn sing, and worship service.

Mrs. L. C. Dodd, secretary of spiritual life for First Church, Homestead, was registrar. The Rev. C. L. Herron, pastor at Silver Palm, administered the Communion assisted by local secretaries of spiritual life, Mrs. A. L. Campbell, Silver Palm; Mrs. Warren Huntington, Holy Trinity, Miami; Mrs. M. A. Baker, Redland Community.

Counselors were: Mrs. Richard Blanchard, minister's wife, Trinity; Mrs. H. J. Brizzard, Hialeah First, district secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild; Mrs. W. W. Charles, Coral Gables First; Mrs. F. C. Fesmire, Homestead First; Mrs. H. E. Garrett, Hollywood Temple, minister's wife; Mrs. Duane Jull, Kendall Methodist; Mrs. Joe Jones, Old Stone Church, Key West, minister's wife; Mrs. Guy Lambert, Silver Palm; Mrs. J. Grady Phelps, Trinity, district chairman of public relations; Mrs. Rains; Mrs. D. D. Richardson, Rader Memorial, district president; Mrs. H. G. Roudenbush, Hialeah First, conference secretary of student work.

135 Attend Gainesville District 'Day Apart'

One hundred and thirty-five members of the Gainesville District Woman's Society of Christian Service joined in preparation for the Lenten Season with a day apart in the Melrose Church, Feb. 20, from 10 to 2 o'clock. The program arranged by Mrs. R. E. Rutland of McIntosh, district secretary of spiritual life, was based upon the theme, "Growing in Prayer."

Meditations were given by Mrs. W. J. Crosby, Citra, on "The Nature of Prayer," and by Mrs. George A. Newell, district president, Gainesville, on "Hindrances to and Conditions of Prayer." These were followed by a discussion of prayer groups — what they are and are not, and how to start one — led by Mrs. Rutland.

After lunch, Mrs. Raymond A. Alley, Ocala, conducted a demonstration depth Bible study on Romans 12:1-2, and the meeting was dismissed at 2 o'clock with a benediction by Mrs. Rutland.

Important Resource Book Ready for Use

The most important resource for the 1960-64 Methodist Quadrennial Emphasis on Missions, which is called "Our Mission Today," is off the press and available to every local church for use this spring.

The source is a book, **Our Mission Today,** by the Rev. Tracey K. Jones, associate general secretary of the Division of World Missions and one of the recognized authorities in the field of world missionary strategy.

The book is priced at $1 and it, as well as other publications and filmstrips on the emphasis, can be ordered from Our Mission Today, Room 1301, Methodist Board of Missions, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N.Y.

Pearl Buck Gives Bible

Author Pearl Buck has presented the specially bound presentation copy of her father's Chinese translation of the New Testament to the American Bible Society library. The colloquial translation was completed in 1929, and one copy was specially bound by a group of Chinese in appreciation for the help they received from the translation.

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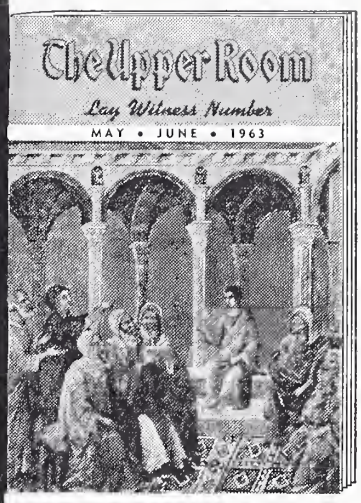

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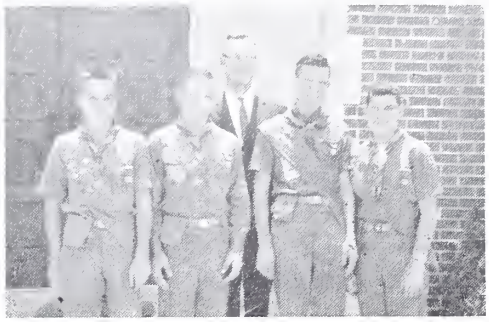
News From The Churches

AFTERNOON SERVICES PROVE POPULAR

Christ Church, St. Petersburg, which has one of the most effective ministries to older adults as any church in Florida, scheduled 4 p.m. services during its New Life Meetings as well as the traditional 7:30 p.m. services. The Rev. Paul R. Hortin, pastor, has found that many senior citizens prefer a service prior to nightfall and regularly holds 4 p.m. services on Sundays. The Rev. Clare Cotton, visiting preacher for the New Life Meetings, delivered different sermons each day at the two services.



. . . Four Scouts Honored

RECEIVE 'GOD AND COUNTRY AWARDS'

Four Boy Scouts at Epperson Memorial Church, Jacksonville, recently received "God and Country Awards" from the Rev. John Rice, pastor. They are (from left): David Wamer, Tommy Chappell, Ernest Lea and Spencer Harvey.

BLOOD DONOR DAY HELD

March 8 was Blood Donor Day for churches in Leesburg. A mobile unit was provided in front of the Main Street Baptist Church so that the city's church members could donate blood—crediting it to accounts of their churches. A fish supper was given to everyone who volunteered to give blood, even those who were turned down.

LENTEN OFFERING FOR MISSIONARY

The commission on missions at Alachua Church is sponsoring a "Lenten Self-Denial Offering" to raise $400 to help the Rev. Kenneth Traxler build his new church in the heart of Brasilia. The Traxlers are from Alachua. The goal is a dime-a-day offering from 100 members.

MISSIONS SCHOOL AIDED GIVING

The Rev. Dick Beyer, pastor of Fort White Church, reports that giving for missions has increased at the church as a result of a successful School of Missions in January. On one Sunday during the study, the members heard Wesley Wildermuth, a missionary to Japan, discuss the Christian crisis in that country.

WRITES RECORD OF EXPERIENCES

An early morning "cell" group at Goss Memorial Church, Orlando — ranging in number from 17 to 27 — felt so deeply enriched by its five breakfast meetings during the church's New Life Meetings that it published a concise record of the experiences shared. The group was led by the visiting preacher, Dr. Frank Bateman Stanger, president of Asbury Theological Seminary. He was assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Lee R. vanSickle. The concluding breakfast was devoted to questions and answers about Christian Healing, an area in which Mr. Stanger has devoted several years of study and concern.

MORNING SERVICES USED

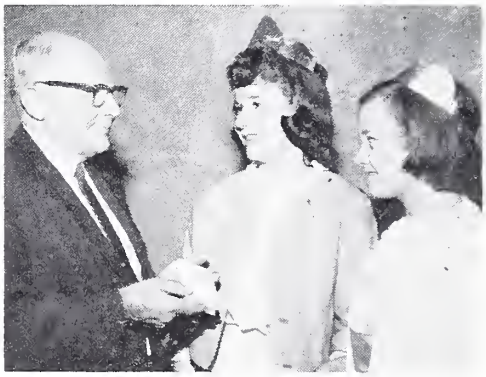
Another innovation during the current New Life Meetings were weekday services at 10 a.m. held by the Charlotte Harbor-Cleveland charge in the Sarasota District. The Rev. Claude Stanfield, visiting preacher, led a 10 a.m. service each day at the Cleveland Church and a 7:30 p.m. service at the Charlotte Harbor Church, reports the Rev. E. T. Standifer, pastor.

FLORIDIANS WIDELY OUTNUMBERED

Native Floridians found themselves a distinct minority — only 17 of 576 present — at a recent All States Day service at St. Cloud Church. The Rev. Albert Stone called the roll of the states, finding representatives from 33 states, District of Columbia, and three foreign countries. There were 104 from Michigan, 97 from New York, 95 from Ohio.

MORE THAN PREACHING NEEDED

Seminole Church, St. Petersburg, emphasized personal witnessing, prayer and dedication along with preaching during its New Life Meetings. Sunday, Feb. 24, was "Preparation Day" with evangelistic emphasis at the morning services. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were personal witness days in which members of the congregation were trained as evangelistic visitors and then went calling on the unchurched in the community. Thursday was a day of prayer, including a 12-hour prayer vigil. Friday was a Day of Dedication with a New Life revival service in the evening.



. . . Winners for Character

CHURCH HONORS TWO GIRLS

Two girls at Sylvan Abbey Church, Clearwater, were honored for their Christian example at a special program at the church. Receiving the honor from the Rev. Alfred E. Parson, pastor, were Caroline Rowe, 17 (center) and Patty Black, 12. Both received Bibles and crowns as "Miss" and "Miss Junior" Sylvan Abbey Methodist Church. The winners were selected on the basis of Christian living, church attendance, Sunday school attendance, knowledge of the Bible, leadership in youth activities, program participating, choir participation, friendliness and other achievements. The program began a church membership campaign, with a special emphasis on young people.

Ira Barnett To Speak at Reunion Luncheon As Part of Florida Southern's 'Alumni Day'

The Rev. R. Ira Barnett of Lakeland, 86, oldest living alumni of Florida Southern College, will be speaker at the reunion luncheon as part of the college's Alumni Day, March 23.

The day concludes the annual Founders Week at the college. It will begin with registration and coffee in the alumni office from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., followed by conducted tours of the campus.

Barnett

Mr. Barnett was graduated from Florida Southern in 1900. After attending seminary at Vanderbilt he served as pastor, district superintendent and executive secretary of the Board of Education in the Florida Conference until his retirement in 1949.

A convocation of alumni will be held in the afternoon, followed by the association's annual banquet at 6 p.m.

The Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell of First Church, Bradenton, is president-elect of the national Alumni Association.

Earlier highlights of Florida Southern's Founders Week program will include a convocation at 10:30 a.m., March 22, at which Charles C. Parlin, this year's honorary chancellor of the college, will be the speaker. A New York lawyer, he is widely-known throughout Methodism as a layman. He is a president of the World Council of Churches and a vice president of the World Methodist Council.

Lawyers throughout the state have been invited to attend the convocation to hear Mr. Parlin's address on "The Lawyer's Responsibilities and Opportunities in Higher Education."

Another feature of interest to Central Florida Methodists is the "open house" and reception the college will hold the afternoon of March 22.

Guided tours of the campus will begin at 1:30 p.m. and continue until 5 p.m. with each group invited to attend a reception during those hours making Florida Southern's 40th anniversary in Lakeland. The tours will begin at the Administration Building.

FSC Spring Enrollment Totals 2,035 Students

Enrollment at Florida Southern College for the second semester numbers 1,545 fulltime and 488 part-time students for a total of 2,035 attending campus classes.

In addition, a record high of 486 military personnel at McCoy Air Force Base, Orlando, are enrolled in the college's extension program, advancing the grand total to 2,519.

Of the fulltime students, 1,012 are from Florida — 544 men and 468 women; 519 come from 29 other states, and 14 from 11 foreign countries.

Polk County leads Florida counties with 312 fulltime students.

Tampa Lay Leader Wins Seat in Legislature

Robert T. Mann of Seffner has won one of three new Hillsborough County house seats in the state legislature. He polled 16,453 votes, 8,282 more than his five opponents combined.

He is lay leader of the Tampa District, secretary of the Conference Board of Lay Activities, and treasurer of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Mann, a lawyer, has served three terms in the state House of Representatives, but he did not seek re-election last year while making an unsuccessful bid for Congress.

2nd Music Workshop For Youth Scheduled

The second annual Church Music Workshop for Youth will be held at Florida Southern College on July 1-6, providing courses in vocal technics, service playing, fundamentals of music, music in worship, choir and recreation.

Robert Emery, director of music at First Church, Ocala, will serve as dean of the workshop. Special leadership will be provided by the Rev. V. Earle Copes, who is a concert organist, music editor for the General Board of Education, and editor of **Music Ministry.**

Florida Conference leaders will include Grant Pulen, First Church, St. Petersburg; C. Frederick Harrison, Southside Church, Jacksonville; Edith Goodwin, associate director of youth work; and Robert O. Hoffelt, Riverside Park, Jacksonville.

The workshop is sponsored by the youth division of the Conference Board of Education and the Florida Conference chapter of the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians.

Application blanks can be obtained by writing Church Music Workshop, Box 78, Lakeland. Cost of the workshop is $25.

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Mr. William L. Wilson, director of casework services for the Florida Methodist Children's Home talks over some problems with a girl who is staying there. At right, two cottage groups from the home are seen arriving at Trinity Church, DeLand, for services. The young people attend services at churches in DeLand and Sanford.

Florida Children's Home Needs Increased Support

Methodists should continue and even increase their loyal support of the Florida Conference Methodist Children's Home in Enterprise.

That is the recommendation of a committee of the Conference Planning Commission following a thorough study of the home in view of today's needs.

The study is one of several being made by the planning commission of various conference boards and agencies.

The Rev. Robert M. Blackburn, pastor of First Church, Jacksonville, was chairman of the study committee. Other members were Morton McDonald, DeLand, chairman of the Conference Board of Hospitals and Homes, and the Rev. J. M. McLeod, Jacksonville District superintendent.

The committee noted that "erroneous reports have gone out" about the present number of children cared for by the home. A total of 145 children per year receive group care at the home, which operates at its full capacity of 92 children permitted by state regulations.

The average length of stay of a child in the home is two years, the committee reported.

"Group care of children is still the major function of the home, a service that state agencies do not and cannot offer," the report said.

Children are divided into groups of not more than 12 each for supervised care and trainin State and federal laws set stri standards to insure sufficier space per child in bedroom, bath rooms, living and recreatio areas, the committee pointed ou This limits the capacity of a mod ern children's home compared t the "old days" of orphanages.

The Methodist home's staff in cludes the regular, paid service of a doctor and a dentist, and registered nurse who is on dut six days a week.

Another service of the home i the placement of children in fos ter homes with their room an board being paid for.

There are few "full orphans today, and most of the childre

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DINNER TIME AT THE METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Children's Home Needs Increased Support

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ared for come from "broken omes." Therefore, few children re adopted by foster parents. he most in a single year was ine adoptions. Many years there none.

Another departure from the old days," the committee noted, that a children's home functions as a social service agency nd must have trained workers ith appropriate college degrees.

Qualified case workers, house mothers and other required personnel are hard to find.

In addition to inspecting the home and conferring with its staff, the committee consulted the State Department of Public Welfare, the Children's Home Society and the Baptist Children's Home in Jacksonville.

Among its findings:

—The state has only $2,000,000 annually for child care — far from enough.

—There are only 22 state, county and city units for child care. Some of them offer only token care.

—The state has no homes or facilities for the group care of children, such as is provided by the Methodist Home.

—Florida's population is expected to increase 45 per cent by 1970. The ratio of demands upon child care agencies will increase by an even greater percentage due to the fact that so many families "break up" in the process of moving about the country.

The current endowment of the Methodist home is $544,000, most of it coming from bequests and earnings on investments.

The current annual budget of the home is $222,083, most of which comes from churches of the Florida Conference, and the rest from endowment funds.

In the report of its study, the committee stressed that:

—The Church has a great service to offer in the field of child care.

—Such aid from governmental agencies is limited and inadequate.

—The needs in fast-growing Florida are great and will increase.

—The goal of the home is to help children and get them back into society.

—The Church can do much in this way to help rehabilitate families that no other agency can help.

—Florida Methodists need to understand more clearly the scope and operation of the home.

Me And My Bible

By MRS. ED FERRELL

"Betty's giving up candy bars r Lent," Jan announced when e came in from school the her day. "Why don't you tell e what to give up, mama?" "It's t as easy as that," I replied. ou will have to decide for yourf. But before you get any right swers, you'll have to think out what self-denial is."

Self-denial means different ings to each of us. For one it ay be as simple as denying herf a new dress in order to send check to those who have nothg to wear. It may be more comex. It may be refusing the poion of church leadership, which uld win the approval of church ers, in order to do the obscure for Jesus. Often it means deing oneself cherished time in der to be with those who need

Each person finds its meaning himself—if he tries. But we ve to find the meaning for our n lives if we are going to know e Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said: "If any man will me after me, let him deny himf, take up his cross and follow ." (Matthew 6:24).

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University of Miami President Henry King Stanford addresses 425 men at the mid-winter layman's rally of the Miami District. Also pictured (from left) are: Glenn W. Gold, district lay leader; Ben Shepard, and Sam L. Ready, associate lay leaders.

IN MIAMI—

Mid-Year Rally of Laymen Outlives Cuban Crusades Which Inspired It

The popular mid-year rally of Miami laymen began over 10 years ago as a by-product of an evangelistic crusade in Cuba.

About 1950 a group of ministers and laymen began going to Cuba to conduct a 10-day revival throughout the island. The revival was under the leadership of Bishop Roy Short and Harry Denman, general secretary of the Board of Evangelism.

Upon their return the men were requested to speak at a layman's rally held in Miami. The crusades, and the rallies, were later continued under the leadership of Bishop John Branscomb and Mr. Denman.

As the Castro regime tightened its grip on Cuba, the evangelistic crusades were canceled, but the rallies in Miami continued.

Dr. Henry King Stanford, a Methodist layman who is the newly elected president of the University of Miami, got out of bed with a fever of 102 degrees long enough to address the 425 men who had gathered to hear him at this year's rally on Feb. 1.

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15 Conferences Provide Half of World 'Specials'

More than 40 per cent of the Methodist churches made no contributions to missions or overseas relief through Advance Specials during 1962, according to a recent survey.

Fifteen Annual Conferences provided almost one-half of the Advance Special income for world missions with 85 conferences providing the remainder. As in past years, the Florida Conference—with all churches participating—gave the highest amount to World Division Advance Specials with $364,690.

Deaths

The Rev. Dorsey H. Rutter

The Rev. Dorsey H. Rutter, 86 died Feb. 18 in a Daytona Beach hospital. He served all three of the Methodist churches now established in Daytona Beach during his long ministry. He began his ministerial service in 1907 at First Church, Daytona Beach where he served for seven years (broken by one year in the Pittsburgh Conference 1910-11); he served Community Church in Daytona Beach during the 1920's and then he came out of retirement 13 years ago to serve for 14 months as pastor of Livingston Memorial in Daytona Beach. Other charges he served were: St. Augustine (1915); superintendent Miami District (1926); St. Augustine (1931); Snyder Memorial Jacksonville (1938); Broadway Orlando (1941); Melbourne (1946). He retired in 1948. He was a member of the executive committee of the board of trustees of Bethune-Cookman College. Survivors include his widow, Sarah; a son Dr. Joseph H. Rutter, Daytona Beach; a daughter, Mrs. Cleo Riegle, Daytona Beach; a brother, Glenn Rutter; four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Mr. J. Velma Keen

Mr. J. Velma Keen, 63, former president of the Florida Bar Association and a member of the Florida Southern College board of trustees, died March 6 in Tallahassee after an illness of several weeks. He was a member of Trinity Church, Tallahassee. Mr. Keen had a special interest in education and founded the Southern Research and Scholarship Foundation, which aimed at providing a college education for any deserving student who had no money. Survivors include his widow; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Drake of Tallahassee; and a sister, Mrs. C. E. Jackson of Grand Ridge.

Dr. Samuel G. Coe

Dr. Samuel G. Coe, 74, retired head of the history department of Florida Southern College, died March 2 at his home in Lakeland. He taught at Florida Southern for 34 years and was a member of College Heights Church.

Institutes Get Underway To Train Vacation Church School Teachers

Vacation Church School Institutes are getting underway roughout the Florida Conference to assist directors and teachers in preparing for this summer's hools.

Mrs. Margaret Hollis, director of ildren's work, said 316 churches the conference reported 24,945 udents in Vacation Bible Schools st summer under the supervion of 5,859 teachers and workrs.

This is a gain of 2,514 boys and rls, 143 workers and 47 churches om similar reports the year bere.

Mrs. Hollis noted that 1,647 aders attended Vacation Bible hool Institutes last year. Anoth- 2,303 were regular church hool teachers. This means there re 2,000 Vacation Church School aders with no training except at offered by the local church, e said.

Eighty-six persons attended a aching conference held Feb. 20- at Morrison Memorial, Leesrg, to train instructors for the stitute. Faculty members for the conference were: Mrs. Hollis; Mrs. W. L. Kennedy, chairman of the Vacation Church School Committee; Kindergarten, Mrs. Gene Zimmerman and Mrs. James Hunter; Primary, Mrs. Margaret Houk and Mrs. John Senior; Junior, Mrs. John Rooks and Mrs. Charles Haywood; Administration, the Rev. Conrad Holmes and the Rev. James Compton. Mrs. J. R. Grant served as chairman of local arrangements.

Mrs. Hollis announced the following schedule for districts throughout the conference (excluding meetings held prior to March 15):

DeLand: March 19—Port Orange, 10-2 o'clock; March 21—St. Augustine, First, 10-2:00.

Gainesville: April 16—Lake City, 9:30-2 o'clock; April 18—Ocala, 9:30-2:00; April 23—Gainesville, 9:30-2:00.

Jacksonville: March 26—Jacksonville, First, 7:30 p.m., division superintendent's meeting; April 30—Southside, 9-2:00; May 2—Southside, 9-2:00.

Lakeland: April 17—Leesburg, Morrison Memorial, 10-2 o'clock; April 18—Lakeland, Methodist Temple, 10-2:00.

Miami: May 2—Coral Way, 9-12:30 o'clock; May 4—St. Pauls, 9-12:30.

Orlando: April 24—Orlando, Broadway, 9:45-2 o'clock; April 26—Cocoa, First, 9:45-2:00; May 1, Apopka, 9:45-2:00.

St. Petersburg: April 22—St. Petersburg, First, 10:30-2 o'clock; April 29—Clearwater, First, 10:30-2:00; April 30—Brooksville, 10:30-2:00.

Sarasota: April 30—Sebring, 9:30-2:30 o'clock; May 2—Punta Gorda, 9:30-2:30; May 3—Naples, 9:30-2:30; May 8—Palmetto, 9:30-2:30.

Tallahassee: April 20—Madison, 10-2 o'clock; April 23—Tallahassee, Trinity, 10-2:00; April 27—Hosford, 10-2:00; April 30—Carrabelle, 4-8:00.

Tampa: March 15—Plant City, First, 9:30-1:30; March 22—Tampa, Forest Hills, 9:30-1:30.

West Palm Beach: March 21—planning meeting, 10-2 o'clock. Institutes will be held April 30 and May 2, 10-2:00, at sites to be announced.

CALENDAR

March 15-17—Recreation Workshop for Adults, Leesburg Youth Camp.

March 20—Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information, luncheon meeting, Florida Southern College.

March 20-27—Southeastern Jurisdiction Recreation Workshop, Leesburg Youth Camp.

March 21-23—Founders Week, Florida Southern College.

March 23—Alumni Day, Florida Southern College.

March 24—One Great Hour of Sharing.

March 24—World Service Sunday in Church School.

March 29-31—Florida Conference Recreation Workshop for Youth, Leesburg Youth Camp.

March 31—Florida Methodist Children's Home Sunday.

April 7—Palm Sunday.

April 14—Easter Sunday.

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The Bishop Calls—

Dear Friends:

This month has been one of prayer and devout soul-searching on the part of multiplied thousands of people throughout Florida. Ministers and their commissions on membership and evangelism have planned for their New Life Meetings since last summer. There has been a wonderful spirit throughout the conference. Reports from every district have been thrilling.

Let me report on my comings and goings. March 4-8, I attended the Southeastern Convocation of Methodists in Memphis, Tenn. It was well attended by representatives of every area — I was proud of our Florida representatives. Mr. Howard Berg was among those addressing the convocation.

On March 14-15 I visited with Brother Tatum among some of the churches in the St. Petersburg District. March 16 I spent with Brother McDonell visiting in Tampa. Sunday, March 17, I preached in the beautiful new church at Frostproof. Then I flew to Cleveland, Ohio, for a meeting of the Committee on Church Union. Tuesday I spent visiting with Brother Rooks in the Lakeland District, and Wednesday and Thursday (March 20-21) the Cabinet met in Lakeland. Friday was Convocation Day at Florida Southern College. So the days go by.

We are all pleased, I'm sure, with the encouragement being given to the Methodist folk in Brasilia. Our new church building there will cost approximately $40,000. Thus far Advance Special gifts of about $10,000 have been received. By working together we can provide the full amount. Brother Kenneth Traxler (Florida-born and Florida-bred) is our minister in Brasilia. He deserves our support.

Here's a matter of concern which we do not want to neglect. Connected with every congregation in Florida there are dear and wonderful people who are unable to attend or participate actively in the program of the local church because of age or illness. These folk have much to offer — a visit in their homes often provides the visitor with new spiritual assurance. Those who are "shut in" merit our prayers and attention. Does your church have a plan that embraces and encourages these wonderful people?

Before closing, let me remind you of this. At the first of the Conference Year we set out to secure subscriptions to the FLORIDA METHODIST equal in number to one subscription for every 10 members of each local church. To this date we've fallen woefully short. It wouldn't be hard to achieve this in your church, would it? Please help.

Blessings on you during this holy season. Please remember me in your prayers.

Sincerely,
JAMES W. HENLEY

N CLEARWATER—

Weekly Prayer Breakfast Enriches Life of Young People

Over 35 teenagers braved a eavy downpour recently to at-end a weekly MYF prayer break-ast at First Church, Clearwater. The young people have shown epeatedly during the past year nd a half that foul weather will ot deter them from their morn-ng meeting of fellowship and rayer.

From 35 to 40 young people par-icipate in the weekly breakfast neetings, said the Rev. Ray Har-ison, associate pastor. In the ext room a smaller number of dults meet weekly with the Rev. esse E. Waller, pastor, to share he same enriching experience.

After their breakfast, the young eople normally break up into ntermediate and Senior MYF roups for devotions. On the rainy norning they joined together to ear a short devotion by Mr. Har-ison and then offered sentence rayers. Approximately 15 of the roup offered vocal prayers.

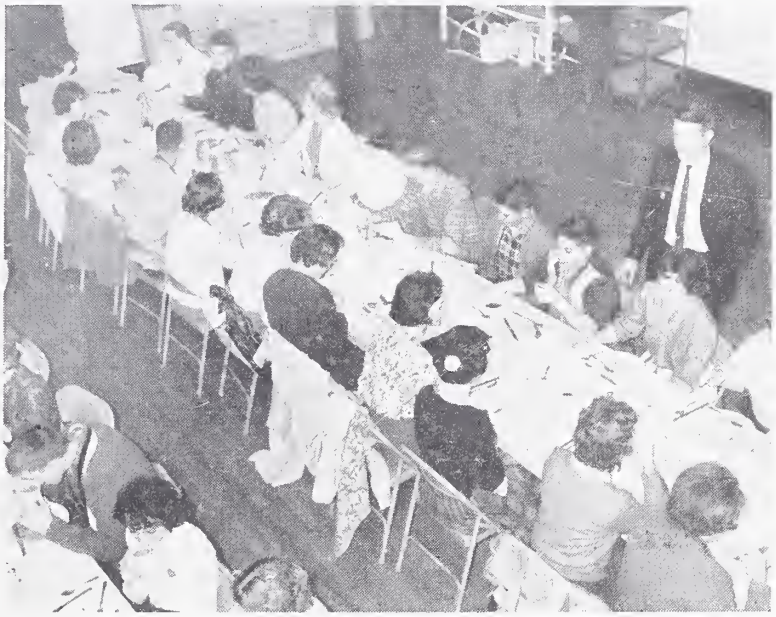
The prayer breakfasts have roved a tremendous spiritual lessing for the youth of the hurch, said Mr. Harrison. He said ney were started in an effort to eepen the devotional life of the oung people.

Sunday school is primarily de-oted to Bible study and related ubjects while the evening MYF rograms tend to deal chiefly ith social issues, he explained.

After the breakfast the church rovides transportation for those ho need it to three high schools nd three junior highs in the earwater area. Church members rticipating in the adult prayer reakfast assist in providing this ansportation.

Several changes have taken ace in the MYF group since the art of the breakfasts — indicat-g a deeper spiritual insight. The oung people had been conducting visitation among their own age group, but now they also visit el-derly members of the church—taking devotional materials and sometimes providing a means to bring them to church services.

Next summer the Senior MYF group hopes to change its weekly "worship and recreation" meet-ings to a "worship and service" fellowship. They will attempt to undertake such projects as assist-ing smaller MYF groups to con-duct Youth Activity Weeks.



Shown above are part of 35 teenagers at First Church, Clear-water, attending a weekly prayer breakfast at the church. Stand-ing is the Rev. Ray Harrison, associate pastor, who guides the young people in the weekly experience of fellowship and prayer.

Best of Its Kind'

The "summit conference" for urch recreation leaders was ld March 20-27 at the Leesburg outh Camp.

The Southeastern Recreation orkshop of the Methodist hurch is generally regarded as e best of its kind with nation-ly known leaders. Skill groups cluded such diverse areas as ained glass painting, whittling d wood carving, folk arts and formal drama.

What's The Matter With Mrs. Morgan?

Mrs. Harry C. Morgan of Augusta's Green Street Presbyterian Church hasn't missed Sunday school or church in 2314 Sundays, a perfect record for over 44 years. The marvelous achievement suggests pertinent (and admittedly ironic) questions:

1. Doesn't Mrs. Morgan ever have company on Sunday to keep her home from Sunday school and church?
2. Doesn't she ever go anywhere Saturday night and get up too tired on Sunday morning to go out?
3. Doesn't she ever have headaches, colds, or nervous spells that keep her home on Sunday?
4. Doesn't she ever sleep late on Sunday mornings?
5. Doesn't she know that it sometimes rains hard on Sunday morn-ings?
6. Doesn't she ever get her feelings hurt by somebody in the church?
7. Doesn't she ever get mad at the preacher or the Sunday school teacher?
8. Doesn't she have a radio or a television set so that she can listen occasionally at least to "some mighty good" lesson or sermon on the network?

What's the matter with Mrs. Morgan, indeed? Yes, she has been blessed with wonderful health. But more important than that, she is a Christian who understands what it means to be faithful to her Lord and His work. (Selected).

(Editor's Note—The above message was taken from the news-letter of First Church, Apopka).

Second Mile Award

Children Found Christ in Her Faith

. . . The fun, the joy in religion begins with the second mile
—Henry W. Blackburn

"Whenever the doors of the former Eighth Avenue Methodist Church of Tampa were open, Mrs. Pritchard was always there . . . "

This fond memory of a childhood Sunday school teacher led to this month's nomination of Mrs. Wallace M. Pritchard, Sr., for our "second mile award."

Children who attended Mrs. Pritchard's kindergarten and primary classes during her 40 years of teaching could easily see that the work of the Lord and the church came first in her life. Rain or shine, morning or evening—church school, worship services, prayer meeting, class meeting, Woman's Society of Christian Service — they knew she would be there.

"It was largely through the efforts of the entire Pritchard family that this minister's wife came to know Christ as her Saviour as a child of 11," writes Mrs. Don Comer of Vero Beach.

"Many of the hymns and gospel songs I teach my children were learned from 'Mom' Pritchard and her daughter, Mary, at the Eighth Avenue Methodist Church." (Now

Mrs. W. M. Pritchard, Sr.

known as Christ Church after a merger with Edgewood Methodist in Tampa.)

Another indication of the lasting faith of Mrs. Pritchard and her husband, who served for many years as church school superintendent prior to his death, is in the lives of their children.

Daughter Mary, Mrs. Adrian Blanton, has followed in her mother's footsteps by becoming a Sunday school teacher. Mrs. Pritchard, the Blantons, and her son's family (William M. Pritchard, Jr.) are all members of Northeast Church in Tampa.

Inside and outside of the classroom, Mrs. Pritchard always served as an inspiring example to her children. A familiar call after church service each Sunday was "All aboard." Soon the green Pritchard Plymouth was filled with children and elderly people who welcomed a ride home.

Mrs. Pritchard's pupils could also depend upon her to provide Christian recreation for them through the week.

Mrs. Comer writes: "'Mom' Pritchard assumed leadership in planning many happy times for her children. I am certain that many whom she taught still cherish fond memories of delightful Christmas parties, Easter egg hunts, picnics, and other outings."

Mrs. Pritchard faith is vitally alive — in the eyes of one who was attracted to it as a child—because it is easily seen in her everyday living.

IN ORLANDO—

Conway Church Builds Educational Unit

Conway Church, Orlando, has completed a new $125,000 educational building which will accommodate 16 of the church's 20 Sunday School classes, a church office, kitchenette, pastor's study, chapel, fellowship room, and weekday kindergarten.

The Conway Church is the oldest Methodist Church in Orange County, being established in 1870. Because of recent rapid growth, however, it has many of the same characteristics of Florida's younger churches.

It holds worship services in a fellowship hall. The old sanctuary and annex has been used for educational space.

The church property consists of approximately 20 acres with a grapefruit grove, cemetery and softball diamond. It owns land across the street from the church site which formerly housed an Episcopal Church and later the Conway Chamber of Commerce. The church is located in the heart of Conway on State Highway 15.

The church now has a membership of 550 members. The Rev. Robert D. Sommer is pastor. The Rev. C. B. Callaway, former pastor for 14 years, now attends the church while serving as executive secretary of Central Florida Goodwill Industries.

Three of its other former ministers have all gone into the field of higher education. The Rev. E. Clayton Calhoun is president of Paine College in Augusta, Ga.; the Rev. W. B. Mundy is director of admissions at Florida Southern College; and the Rev. C. F. Tolle is director of community and alumni affairs at Florida Southern.

Historical Unit Seeks Up-To-Date Histories

The Florida Conference Historical Society will present at the time of Annual Conference certificates to those churches which have celebrated a 25th, 50th, 75th, 100th or 125th anniversary during the current Conference Year.

To be eligible for this award the church must submit to the historical society an up-to-date history. All such histories are to be sent to the curator of the historical society, the Rev. Gordon N. Craig, 1401 S.W. 8th Street, Miami 35, Florida.

The conference archives are maintained at Florida Southern College.

Mr. Craig has prepared an outline entitled "Your Church History" to help committees on church histories and records. Copies are available from him without charge.

SERMON AT CONVOCATION

Ask More of Youth --- Bishop Henley

The church may be failing to hallenge young people sufficient- because it asks too little of hem, rather than too much.

This is one of the observations ade by Bishop Henley in his ermon, "Aldersgate and Youth," the fifth quadrennial Method- t Southeastern Jurisdictional onvocation in Memphis, Tenn., n March 6.

He also emphasized the impor- nce of the Christian home, ggesting that Methodism's De- artment of Family Life may be e most important facet of our urch in this generation.

Jesus placed heavy demands on His disciples, even though ey were young, Bishop Henley inted out.

"Christ did come saying, 'Leave l and follow Me'," Bishop Henley id. "After all, He did require of s youthful disciples the ultimate dedication. And if the world is be saved from utter chaos, ch discipleship must live again our time.

"Youth will not shrink from the rd demands of Christ. For the ll of God is not piece-meal liness or part-time consecra- n. If that were true, He would a poor sort of God indeed. Let declare the strict requirements Christian living as the

Bishop Henley

Scriptures declare them, and the nobility in youthful hearts will rejoice in a challenge worthy of all thought and word and action."

John Wesley's powerful faith was not just a product of his heart-warming experience on Aldersgate St., Bishop Henley stated. He noted that Wesley's religion also had its roots in the training he received from his parents, Samuel and Suzanna Wesley.

"We will not have a crop of 20th Century Wesleys without first a crop of 20th Century Suzannas—and Samuels, too," Bishop Henley asserted. He said Wesley grew up in a Scriptural culture in the Epworth parsonage where he was endowed with a strict sense of self-discipline.

Methodism should be especially concerned about its ministry to young people, Bishop Henley continued, since it started as essentially a youth movement.

John and Charles Wesley were young men at the time of the Aldersgate St. experience. So was George Whitfield. Wesley's lay preachers were even younger in most cases, and from the beginning these ministers were vitally concerned with Christian education.

"Wesley observed over and over again that his movement would die in one generation if the young people were not gathered into its fellowship," Bishop Henley said.

The average age of the 60 ministers who met in 1784 to organize American Methodism was 26 years, he continued.

Bishop Henley also discussed the importance of the home in nurturing Christian young people. He said a recent panel of high school students indicated that the example of parents was the chief reason for teenage laxity with respect to drinking. At another assembly of youth committed to full-time Christian vocations, the predominating influence in the lives of those present was a parent — not a minister or a Sunday school teacher.

He called upon the church to use all of the resources and agencies at its command to undergird its families and to counteract the modern trends which are weakening the fabric of family life.

OUR YOUTH NEED ADULT LEADERS

One of the great needs of Methodism today in the opinon of Mrs. T. Jason Kennon, ive Oak, secretary of youth ork for the Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, is adult leaderhip for youth in local churches.

Writing in a recent issue of **he Tellum**, conference MYF ublication, she said:

"Our young people are the nest in the land and are eking a new way of life. any groups are not active ecause no adults are available. We desperately need nsecrated, vivacious, attrac- ve and optimistic adults to ork with youth if we are go- g to build young church- en."

Ban Alcoholic Sales At Family Outlets

Write today to your legislators at the State Capitol Building, Tallahassee.

Laymen Need To Put Faith Into Practice

There are certain steps necessary to strengthen the position of laymen and make them effective churchmen, according to R. Howard Berg, Melbourne, president of the General Board of Lay Activities.

In an address to the Methodist Southeastern Jurisdictional Convocation in Memphis, Tenn., Mr. Berg outlined the following:

1. Laymen need to be better informed, with a more comprehensive knowledge of The Methodist Church, its mission and of their obligations as church members.

2. Laymen need a heart-warming experience, with a consequent deepening of their spiritual faith. A spark of evangelistic fire, if ignited, would transform spiritually dead laymen into active Methodist Men.

3. Laymen need to organize and mobilize their forces, putting their faith into practice through the local church. The impossible tasks can be achieved with the deepening of the spiritual lives of laymen.

4. Laymen need to take a stand for morality and decency in the world with a positive witness. This means not only proclaiming the gospel of salvation, but it means also being Christian in all they do in business and social life.

Holy Day or Holiday?

(Editor's Note: The following is taken from a column, "The Youthful Accent," by the Rev. Hoover Rupert, pastor of First Methodist Church, Ann Arbor, Mich.)

A visitor to an English village church was interested to note as he stood near the entrance waiting for his host to arrive, that as each villager entered the vestibule of the church he turned to his left, stopped, bowed his head a moment, and then entered the church sanctuary. Between arrivals the visitor went over to the wall of the vestibule toward which they bowed to see if there were some picture or imagery he could not see from where he was standing. But the wall was simply what it appeared to be — a neatly painted bare wall.

Curiously he inquired of his host as to the significance of the gesture of reverence on the part of each arriving worshiper. And strangely enough, his host, who had gone through the same gesture when he arrived in the vestibule, could give no satisfactory answer as to why this was done. He just knew that since boyhood he and all others had entered the church in this fashion.

Further inquiry by the visitor finally obtained the information that when the church had been built centuries before, there had been painted on that wall by a local artist of some ability a lovely painting of Christ. In reverence the arriving worshipers would pause in front of the painting for a moment of prayer before entering the chapel. As the years went by, this became the accepted pattern for entering the church. But after several generations, when the painting had faded, the church board voted to paint over the wall and so the painting was completely obscured. But the tradition of bowing to the wall continued, even though later the persons who participated in this gesture had no knowledge of why they did it!

Before you let that smile of condescension breeze across your face as you think of persons practicing so patently an empty gesture, stop and think how many of the citizens of our nation will actually be bowing to the bare wall of practice and secular tradition when they celebrate Easter this year.

They will share in the pageantry of Easter. They will revel in rabbits and be involved with egg-rolling. They will display their Easter finery on Fifth Avenue, New York or on lower Main Street of East Cupcake, Rhode Island. And because the highest concentration of people will be in the churches of their community on Easter Sunday morning, they may join them there for the show. They don't know what's going on, they aren't quite sure just how this Easter bit began, but they nod in the direction of that bare wall and keep up with the crowd. How easy to turn holy days into mere holidays! We do it all the time.

President Kennedy Asked To Remove Bar

Mrs. Guylena Kester, president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Lakeland, has written President John F. Kennedy urging that he remove the bar from the White House.

Mrs. Kester urged the President to establish a milk or orange juice bar in the place of the one serving alcoholic beverages as part of his physical fitness program for the American people.

She urges others to join her in this protest.

"For the sake of the multitudes that visit the White House each year (including many of our young people and children) won't you please remove the bar? There are also many visitors from abroad who do not approve of alcoholic beverages.

"We thank God that we have a number of governors who are total abstainers and will not serve alcoholic beverages in the Governor's Mansion.

"Why don't you install a milk bar and an orange juice bar that would help build our physical and mental bodies, and not weaken and destroy them?

"Do you want to be responsible for influencing one person to become an alcoholic? You are doing this daily by allowing the bar. No man plans to become an alcoholic, and yet when he takes his first drink he may well become one.

"Please, for the sake of our teenagers, our fine young couples, oldsters, and our foreign visitors, think on these things. Pray about it and ask God to help you, will you? We are praying for you."

American Bible Society Plans Easter Reading

A nationwide reading of the Easter message is being sponsored again this year by the American Bible Society. It asks every Christian to read the Crucifixion and Resurrection passages from the Gospel of John (chapters 18-20) as soon as he awakens on Easter morning, or to join others in reading them at a sunrise service.

A pocket-size booklet, "He is Risen," has been printed especially for the observance. It can be obtained in either English or Spanish for $3 per hundred or free for single copies by writing American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N.Y.

Lack of Understanding Weakens Nation's Heritage

Americans face the possibility of giving away this nation's heritage of separation of church and state because they do not understand it, declared the Rev. C. Stanley Lowell, editor of **Church and State.**

The spokesman for Protestants and Others United for Separation of Church and State appeared at rallies in Lakeland and Plant City early this month.

He praised President Kennedy for his insistence that federal school aid should not be furnished parochial schools, although the leaders of Kennedy's own church, the Roman Catholics, are strongly urging it.

Mr. Lowell also said there are moves within the states themselves, especially those with large Roman Catholic populations, to break down traditions of separation between church and state.

He said Protestants contribute to the break-down of the church-state separation in two ways. First, there are those who advocate giving the Roman Catholic Church what it wants in terms of public funds out of a sense of "brotherhood." Second, there are those who contend that we should take advantage of public funds since others are doing so.

The sanctuary of Trinity Church, Jacksonville—"The Church with the Chimes in the Whispering Pines"—was built in 1927 through the help of a $10,500 gift from the Livingston Board of the old Methodist Episcopal Church. At right are some of those attending Trinity's 50th Anniversary service who were present over 35 years ago when the building was completed.

Trinity, Jacksonville, Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Trinity Church, Jacksonville, celebrated its 50th Anniversary on March 10 with a former pastor, the Rev. Durward McDonell, in the pulpit.

None of the 15 charter members of the old Perry Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church — forerunner of Trinity — survived for its 50th Anniversary.

Mrs. James A. Crowther, Jacksonville Beach, was recognized as the member who could recall the longest identification with the old Perry Avenue Church. A near rival was Mrs. Thomas L. Marlowe, who is still active in Trinity and who has kept its nursery during church services for years.

The Rev. Nelson Moyer, Trinity's present pastor, and the Rev. J. M. McLeod, Jacksonville district superintendent, also participated in the anniversary service.

The church originally began as an outpost Sunday school of Snyder Memorial Church, Jacksonville, under the leadership of Dr. Clark Crawford. It was formerly organized into a church in 1913 using a two-story frame building. The upper story was used as the residence of its first pastor, the Rev. T. B. Lawrence.

The church grew moderately from 15 to 61 members by 1920—with the pastor's salary growing from $300 to $375 a year. During the 1920's interest seemed to lag and no pastor was appointed for the year 1924. At least one class of girls, taught by Mrs. Crowther, continued to meet each Sunday during this period.

That was the situation when the Rev. Milton F. McKenney was appointed to the charge in July, 1925. He reported that he found only one active member in the church. He set to work in earnest, visiting the people, and soon had a small faithful group to support him.

The church struggled through the depression and World War II, but a new post-war era of progress began in 1945 at the beginning of the four-year pastorate of the Rev. Robert J. Gisler.

Trinity's major material accomplishment in recent years was the construction of a 20-room educational unit in 1955. The building is evaluated at more than $60,000, but it cost only $25,000 due to the large amount of labor given to the project. Construction of the building was supervised by a member, J. C. Owens, who did a great deal of the work himself.

Tampa Minister's View On Indifference Quoted

The Rev. George G. Hill, minister of world affairs at Palma Ceia Church in Tampa, was quoted in a column circulated nationally through many Methodist publications — "On A Wire Circuit" by the Rev. W. W. Reid.

Mr. Reid uses a comment by Mr. Hill to illustrate a message on "The Sin of Indifference."

He wrote:

"Discussing the lack of acceptance of American idealism by the rest of the world, Mr. Hill suggests that this is because too many Americans are themselves indifferent to its values and to the need to keep ideals constantly reapplied to changing conditions. He notes:

"'A recent survey conducted among 10,000 American high school students reveals that one-third were willing to abolish the right of petition, 37 per cent did not object to third-degree police methods, and 43 per cent were indifferent toward free speech. This casual attitude toward basic American rights is not the fault of the young people, nor can it be solved by adding a course to the curriculum. The fact is that schools and students reflect the climate and disposition of the citizenry as a whole. And far too many of our people are scared of freedom. They are afraid of thought, suspicious of dissent, and uncomfortable in controversy. Many want our Constitution to protect only 'popular' ideas — which of course need no protection.'"

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News From The Churches

MYF PLANS ISLAND WORK PROJECT

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Hyde Park, Tampa, has held a series of work propects to raise $2,000 so they can work some more — helping churches on Andros Island in the Bahamas this summer. The young people plan to paint one church building, build a room on another, and to lead worship services, recreational activities and a visitation program. A team of 50 adults and young people, led by the Rev. Meredith R. Standley, associate pastor, will assist churches on the island for 15 days, June 10-25.

PAINT PROJECT PROVES BLESSING

A project to paint the old educational building to harmonize with the new sanctuary nearing completion at Methodist Temple, Lakeland, proved to be a blessing for the Methodist Men of the church. The Rev. John Hunt, pastor, noted that the united response to the project far exceeded the expectations of the men themselves, who at one time had considered hiring painters to do the work. The first day of the two-Saturday project followed one of the church's regular breakfast meetings of the Methodist Men.

UNITED BLOOD DRIVE HELD

Three Coconut Grove churches united in a blood drive at Bryan Memorial Church, Miami. Members of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and Plymouth Congregational Church joined the host church in the project. The Rev. Arthur Charlesworth, pastor at Bryan Memorial, said a member of the church recently underwent major surgery and needed 50 pints of blood immediately for a transfusion.

ATHLETES LEAD SERVICES

A pair of Christian athletes who are ministerial students at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, led the "New Life" services at Miami Springs Church. They were the Rev. John Ed Mathison, who played on the "Ventures for Victory" basketball team which toured the Orient last summer preaching to 250,000 persons who attended the games, and the Rev. George Gill Hunter III a champion weight lifter who spent last summer as a missionary among the muscle men, beatniks and deviates along California's "Muscle Beach."

TITHE TO SUPPORT MISSIONARIES

Members of First Church, St. Petersburg, are being asked to tithe during Lent in support of a special Easter offering to finance the work of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Gebhart, missionaries in Austria.

YOUTH PRESENT EASTER DRAMA

Youth of St. Paul's Church, Miami, will present a two-act Passion Play for Easter, "The Cross of Challenge," in conjunction with an offering to support camp scholarships. Thirty-five youth, plus the junior choir, make up the cast of characters in a production directed by James M. Faga, assistant stage director of the Opera Guild of Greater Miami. Taking part in the project are the older youth, senior MYF and junior MYF.

DeLAND SANCTUARY TO BE RENOVATED

Trinity Church, DeLand, has signed a contract for complete renovation of the sanctuary. The $34,000 project will make it conform as much as possible to Colonial. There will be new pews with two-inch foam rubber cushions, the sanctuary will be carpeted from wall to wall with gold colored carpet, and the chancel area will be completely redone with new chancel furniture and reredos. The sanctuary will also feature new light fixtures and will be completely repainted. The colors will be off-white trimmed in Williamsburg brown. The pew cushions, chancel kneeling pads, and the special design choir seats will be a powder blue. The Rev. Alfred B. Vaught, pastor, says "the sanctuary's new look should be lovely and conducive to worship."

Olympia Heights Church, Miami, recently held a ground breaking service, initiating a building program that includes a new sanctuary of unusual design. The tri-level roof is tiered at 10-foot heights. Seating capacity is 408. Cost of the program, to be completed in September, is set at $129,000. The Rev. William Sims is pastor.

Methodists Sponsor Team of Athletes, Musicians To Witness To Swarms of Vacationing College Students at Daytona Beach

The Methodist Church is sending a group of nationally known athletes and musicians to Daytona Beach, April 9-12, to entertain and witness for Christ among the thousands of college students expected to be vacationing there.

The team will be sent under the auspices of the General Board of Evangelism. It is going at the invitation of the Daytona Beach ministerial association, city council and junior chamber of commerce.

The project will be under the direction of the Rev. Ed Beck, Nashville, staff member of the Board of Evangelism. Mr. Beck was twice captain of the basketball team of the University of Kentucky, including the one that won the 1958 National Collegiate Athletic Association championship.

Among other athletes will be a basketball player, Bob Pettit of the St. Louis Hawks, and the following football players, Bill Wade of the Chicago Bears; Phil King, New York Giants; Don Shinnick and Raymond Berry, both of the Baltimore Colts; Buddy Dial, Pittsburgh Steelers; L. G. Dupre, Dallas, Texans; and Jim Ray Smith, Cleveland Browns.

The musicians include Tony Fontane, Dr. John "Knocky" Parker of Methodist College, Fayetteville, N. C.; Charles Castner, Louisville, Ky.; Marvin Montgomery, Fort Worth, Texas; and Dr. Paul Wesley (Doc) Evans and Dick Pendleton, both of Minneapolis.

The group will be at Daytona during Holy Week. It is expected that 35,000 to 50,000 college students will be vacationing there during this period.

For four hours each afternoon, the group will go up and down the beach on a truck. They will present short concerts interspersed with Christian witness talks by both the athletes and musicians.

Also, at other hours the athletes and musicians will talk with students as individuals on the beach, in coffee shops, in bars, and other places. On two nights, Wednesday and Friday, April 10 and 12, the group will present a jazz festival in the Daytona Beach band shell.

Capping off the Friday night program, which comes on Good Friday, will be a presentation by Tony Fontane, who will give his witness through song. A recording and television personality, he has been doing full-time Christian work since 1957, when an automobile crash left him unconscious for 30 days. He is at present a religious recording artist while appearing in Christian concerts around the world.

The efforts of the team will be coordinated with other groups in an over-all program being planned by leaders of the resort to provide wholesome outlets for the swarms of young people who descend upon Daytona Beach at spring vacation time.

Retired Methodist Bishop Arthur Wesley (left), former bishop to Argentina, chats with his successor, Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri, at First Church, Lakeland, where the Rev. Clare M. Cotton (right) is pastor. Bishop Barbieri spoke at several Florida churches during a recent trip to the United States to attend the semi-annual meeting of the Methodist Council of Bishops.

Argentina Has Great Potential As Nation, But Few Residents Interested in Religion

Argentina has the potential to become the leading Spanish-speaking country in the world, but the church needs strengthening there.

These observations were made by Bishop Sante Uberto Barbieri of Buenos Aires recently as he spoke at First Church, Lakeland.

The bishop noted that Argentina is the most literate country in South America, it is rapidly expanding its university facilities, and it has a variety of climate, soil and production — all important factors in its future growth.

On the other hand, Bishop Barbieri said only 30 per cent of the population is even interested in religion and only about 10 per cent go to church.

Methodism is on the move in Argentina. At its recent Annual Conference the delegates voted to form a new conference, the Patagonia Provisional Annual Conference. Membership, full and preparatory, climbed 10 per cent from 10,910 in 1961 to almost 12,000 in 1962. Four new congregations were organized.

Other forward steps taken in this "Land of Decision" were ordination of four new ministers, acceptance of four laymen as local preachers for two years, and a decision to open mission work among the Indians in northern Argentina.

This generation knows everything about life except how to live it.

—E. Stanley Jones

Gainesville Guild Meets at Lake City

The Gainesville District Wesleyan Service Guild held its annual meeting at First Church, Lake City, on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 10.

Mrs. Nelson Green, Starke, district secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, presided at the meeting, which included presentation of annual reports by the district chairman of lines of work, a pledge service conducted by the treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Berry of Ocala, and an address by Mrs. George A. Newell, Gainesville, district president.

'Trip With a Mission' Helps Trinity Church Women See Miami Agencies Ministering To Special Needs

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Guild at Trinity Church, Miami, recently took a "Trip with a Mission" as part of the church-wide study on The Church's Mission and Persons of Special Need. The study was sponsored by the commission on missions.

Traveling by chartered bus, they visited several of the agencies in the Miami area which minister to specialized groups, which were, with one exception, Methodist Church related.

They were: Miami Latin Center, which works with Spanish speaking families and conducts a kindergarten for the children or resident families, also a foster home for refugee children; Biscayne Home for the aged; Goodwill Industries for the rehabilitation of the physically handicapped; and the James E. Scott Community Association, a community center for Negro work with Negro leadership.

The trip was arranged by Mrs. Stanley Biedron in cooperation with Mr. Joe Green, public relations officer for the United Fund of Dade County. Mrs. Biedron is president of the board of directors of the Miami Latin Center; she is also president of the Miami YWCA, and a member of the national board of directors of that organization.

A unique by-product of the tour of agencies was "Cookies for Persons of Special Need." Mrs. J. W. Rountree, secretary of missionary education for the Trinity Woman's Society, baked cookies which she brought for the lunch stop.

These were an immediate hit and were facetiously named "Rountree's cookies for persons of special need."

Because of their popularity, a printer husband of one of the members — Mr. F. E. Lund — printed the recipe and many of the circles used it to bake cookies which they sent to their "student prayer special" on the Universal Day of Prayer for Students, and to shut-ins and others in special need.

Women from Trinity Church, Miami, make a stop at the Dade County Community Services Building to visit with Mr. Leo Friel, executive director of the Welfare Planning Council, during a tour of agencies serving persons in special need. In the central foreground are Mr. Friel, Mrs. J. Grady Phelps, president of the Trinity Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mrs. Stanley Biedron, secretary of Christian social relations; Mrs. L. N. Feltz, Miami District secretary of Christian social relations; and Mrs. J. W. Rountree, secretary of missionary education and service.

90 Young People Sought As Term Missionaries

The Methodist Church's own "Peace Corps plus" — special-term missionary service — is once again seeking 90 outstanding young men and women for service on the missionary frontiers of Christianity in the U.S. and around the world.

As in every year since 1948, the Board of Missions needs to find 40 persons to serve two-year terms at home and 15 men and 35 women to serve three-year terms overseas.

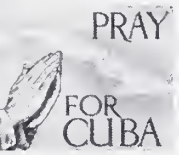
Persons interested may write: Office of Missionary Personnel, 14th Floor, 475 Riverside Drive, New York 27, N.Y.

Cuban Exiles Say Castro Regime Destroyed Large Shipment of Bibles, Religious Books

(Editor's Note: The following is reprinted from the weekly religious olumn by Adon Taft, religion editor of the Miami Herald, on March 2.)

Lent often is a time when the faithful like to concentrate on inpiring reading — particularly of the Bible. But it won't be possible or many in Cuba because of the latest atheistic display of Castro's Communist government.

The Rev. Ornan Iglesias made mention of the incident—or series of incidents—in his Cuba Day sermon this week at White Temple Methodist Church.



Now Saulo Salvador, executive secretary of the Association of Protestant Cubans in Exile, supplies the details.

"In the past month," he said, "The American ible Society sent a cargo of Bibles and religious books to Cuba which ere kept by the Cuban Communist government and later sent to the Iational Print Shop where they were destroyed to make more paper o be used in Communist propaganda.

"The exact number of religious books destroyed was 8,200 Bibles, ,000 New Testaments, 575,000 Bible portions, and a great amount of ther religious literature," Salvador said.

What's more, he continued, when representatives of the Protestant hurch of Cuba protested the deed to Dr. Felipe Carneado, director of ne office of religious matters, he told them that he didn't have to xplain anything to them and that he would put all Christian minisers in a ship and send them out of the country if they protest again.

Salvador said there are at least six Protestant ministers in Cuban ails at the moment. One of them, he said, is serving a six months entence because he bought six more bananas than he had ration tamps for.

NEW BUILDING IN ST. PETERSBURG

Seminole Consecrates New Educational Unit

Seminole Church, St. Petersburg, eld a consecration service for its ew 13-room eduational building n March 3 — providing the hurch with separate rooms for ch of its age groups.

There are now rooms for five re-school classes, 12 grade class-, an older youth class, three lult classes, and a church school fice. The first four grade rooms nd two youth rooms contain tchenette-type installations with binets. The two large youth asmbly rooms have sound proof rtains which are used to divide ch of them into two classrooms.

Pastor of the church is the Rev. slie E. Rabb. The Rev. C. Edward Murfin is associate pastor. Among the many lay workers contributing of their time to the project was Ray Nash, head of the church's house and grounds committee, who served as the church's chief representative on the construction job every day from groundbreaking in September to the finish.

CHURCH and WORLD

By GEORGE HILL
Minister of World Affairs
Palma Ceia Church, Tampa

I have never been much interested in "giving up something for Lent." This has smacked to me of works-righteousness, self-salvation, and the like.

But when you come to grips with the basic problem that confronts the world you can see that the real issue **is** one of self-denial. The crisis is this: **Will the rich minority of which we Americans are the leaders truly share with the poor majority of the world's people?** Actually it is not a question of **if** we will share; it is one of **how** we will share. Will we share willingly from our abundance, using our resources to meet the real needs of ourselves and others? Or will we continue to over-spend on self, slaves of those who make us want things we don't need, until we are forced to share or blow up the world? Will we continue to make "communism" our excuse for self-righteousness and self-centeredness, or will we see it as a challenge to meet the needs of an emerging world?

MYF Members Read Book by Spottswood

The Lenten reading project of the Florida Methodist Youth Fellowship is **Beyond Catabato,** a book written especially for young people by the Rev. Curran (Spotty) Spottswood, missionary from Florida to the Philippines.

The regular price of the book is $3.50, but the Methodist Youth Camp Bookstore is offering it a a special $3 price. It can be ordered from the bookstore at Box 78, Lakeland.

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Missionary Feels More Evangelistic Emphasis Needed

The following letter from the Rev. and Mrs. Lou Hillendahl, missionaries to Southern Rhodesia, is reprinted from the weekly newsletter of First Church, Starke. The Hillendahls were members of First Church before he entered the ministry.

"We found out on Dec. 1 that we were to move to Nyamuzuwe Methodist Centre . . .

The lorry (truck) came to load our belongings on Dec. 3 and we started for our new station. Nyamuzuwe is about 25 miles from Nyadiri in a northerly direction which means we now live 105 miles from town instead of 80! Nyamuzwe is a fairly new station — only begun in 1954. There is only one school here—six classrooms — for standards 4, 5, 6 (same as grades 6, 7, 8). I am to be the principal, and Mary Lou will keep the books. This will be much less work for her and she will have time to work with the women, which she has not had time for before. There is also a primary school, with the first five grades which I will have to look after, but it is in the village about a mile away and not on the mission.

The main reason for our being moved here is that this school is to be changed to a secondary school (high school) some time in 1964. There is a lot of building to be done — science laboratory, library, additional dormitory space and teachers' houses. I have to see to getting all this built.

It is a real challenge to be a part of a new work and to have the opportunity to work in a comparatively newly opened area as far as our church is concerned. There will be much opportunity for work out in the villages and I pray that I have the chance to do a little more direct church work than I have been able to do in the past because of the extremely heavy school responsibilities I have had. My call to the ministry is still strong in my life and I feel the need to do more church work. I also feel that at this crucial time in Africa the way of Christ is the only way and that we as missionaries must devote more of our time and energies to bringing Christ to the people rather than engaging in so much secular activity.

No matter how we would like to think of our schools as our 'Arm of Evangelism' this can no longer be a valid claim. Our schools have expanded so rapidly that we have been unable to keep up, personnel-wise, with them. Many are so large that personal contact with the students — outside the classroom — is simply impossible. We can no longer give them Christian Education, only education, and in Africa today this is not enough. Communism—and many other 'isms' do not attempt to educate, only to convert.

Pray with us that our church will see and meet this challenge here with more and more workers devoted entirely to evangelism.

May God bless us all in our efforts to bring His Kingdom here on earth. May we each seek God's will for our lives in this New Year and fill the lives of all men with the joy and peace which can only be found

In His Service,
Lou and Mary Lou
Hillendahl.

Methodist Elected Tallahassee Mayor

Samuel E. Teague, Jr., a member of John Wesley Church in Tallahassee, was recently elected mayor of Tallahassee.

Teague

Mr. Teague is an associate district lay leader for the Tallahassee District. He is church lay leader at John Wesley and teaches the Young Adult Sunday School Class. He frequently does lay speaking in rural churches.

The father of five is executive vice president of Leon Federal Savings and Loan Association and a past president of the Florida Savings and Loan League.

Poor Record of Giving

Editor James O. Duncan of the **Capital Baptist**, Washington, D.C., recently noted that "If the average church-going family in Washington were to be placed on the public relief rolls and then gave one-tenth of welfare payments it received to the church as a 'tithe', it would be donating more than it does now."

"Can we as Christians, having the responsibility of witnessing for the Lord in this most important city in all the world, continue with such a poor record of giving?" he asked, as he urged more generous support of the churches.

Medical Aid Provided

In its first year of operation, Interchurch Medical Assistance has collected and distributed medical supplies and equipment valued at $6 million. The Methodist Church through its Board of Missions is one of the principal backers of the interdenominational agency.

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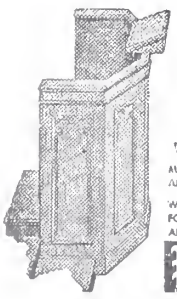

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Deaths

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Methodist Bishop G. Bromley xnam, 71, one of Methodism's st known leaders and an intertional figure in the ecumenical ovement, died March 12 in hite Plains, New York.

During his 44 years in the ristian ministry, he served 10 ars in the pastorate, 10 years higher education, and 24 years the episcopacy.

He was elected at Amsterdam 1948 as a member of the first x-man presidium of the newlyganized World Council of urches. He served world-wide ristianity for six years in this st as he earlier had served urches in the U.S. during his esidency of the Federal Coun- of Churches.

His last episcopal service 952-60) was in the Washington, C., Area. As an author, Bishop xnam published 17 books and as editor, five. He served many her important posts in church, ucational institutions, and govnment.

nother Death in Andes

A young Bolivian doctor died b. 12 from injuries suffered in automobile accident in the nd es Mountains. Dr. Angel conini is the second doctor reted to Methodist work in Bolivia have died in a mountain crash less than 18 months. The first as Dr. Louis Tatom III, a misonary from Gainesville.

id for Philippines

Disaster teams of Church World rvice have provided tons of od and clothing for thousands persons in the Philippines, rd hit by floods since early Janry. A total of 277,845 pounds of odstuffs and 49 bales of clothing d been shipped in by late Febary.

CALENDAR

April 7—Palm Sunday.

April 14—Easter Sunday.

April 16-18—Annual Meeting of the rida Conference Association of Direct- of Christian Education, First Methodist urch, Orlando

April 16-19—Council of Bishops of the thodist Church, San Francisco, Calif.

April 23-25—Annual Meeting of the rida Conference Woman's Society of ristian Service, Community Church, ytona Beach.

April 28—World Service Sunday in the urch School.

April 29-May 2—Conference-wide Adult nference at Leesburg Youth Camp.

It would be unfortunate indeed if we managed to get Aldersgate during the altar prayer period and lost it when the collection plate was passed. No thermometer of the spiritual life of the church is entirely accurate. Giving can be a substitute for spiritual growth, and prayer can be an escape from responsibility. It takes both to make for spiritual aliveness.

Early Methodism can no more be disassociated from giving than it can from prayer and 10,000 new prayer groups will still leave us short of Aldersgate, if, with more in Methodists' pockets, Methodists give less for Christ's work.

Every pastor who watches the income slip during this year of Aldersgate celebration will certainly want to examine the depth of his people's devotion in the light of the supreme giving by God — the outpouring of His love in the gift of Jesus Christ His son.

—Texas Methodist

Pastors Should Check Proportional Payments

The Rev. Fred L. Martin, Gainesville, chairman of the Conference Board of Pensions, urges pastors to check now to make sure proportional payments are correct on the episcopal fund, district superintendent's fund, conference claimants fund, and minimum salary fund.

He noted that last year there were a number of errors in proportional payments, such as: Amounts figured correctly but entered in wrong column; payments sent to Central Treasurer too late to be included in this year's receipts and report; and discrepancies between the four when proportional amounts are less than conference askings.

Mr. Martin urged the minister to work with the church treasurer on the proportional payments since he is responsible for seeing that the amounts are correctly figured.

Booklet Gives Advice On Visiting 'Shut-ins'

A cartoon-style guide to helpful visiting has been prepared in a two-color leaflet, **How to Be a Good Visitor.** The text is by Robert White and the art by Pat Roper. The material originally appeared in **Today's Health,** published by the American Medical Association.

The leaflet, a good resource piece for persons in local churches who call on the ill in hospitals and nursing homes and those who are homebound, has been published by the Department of Christian Education of Adults, Board of Education. It is available without cost from the Service Department, P.O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.

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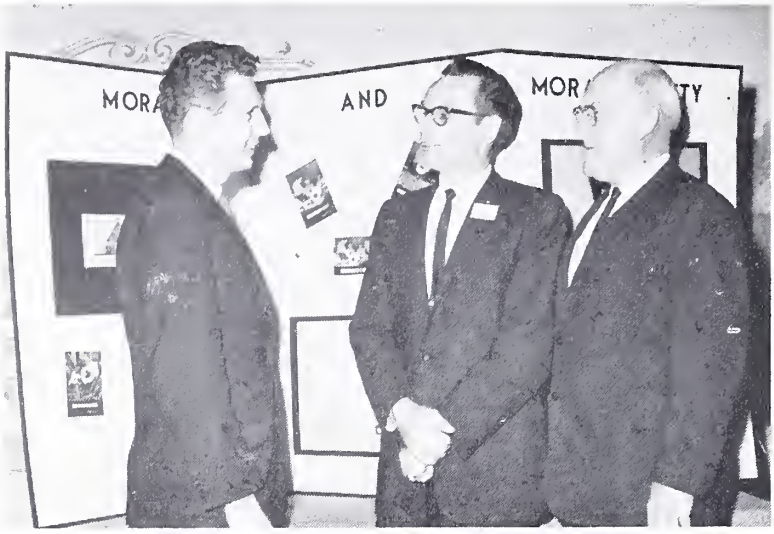

Shown above at the Christian Social Concerns School are two Florida Conference ministers. Pictured, left to right, are the Rev. Richard Edgar, director of the school; the Rev. William Roughton, pastor of First Church, Ft. Lauderdale, chairman of temperance and general welfare in the conference; and the Rev. David Cathcart of Cocoa, member of the conference Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Floridians Attend School on 'Moral Man'

Delegates from 62 annual conferences, including Florida, attended a national adult school on "Moral Man and Moral Society," the 1962-63 emphasis of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns, in Chicago Feb. 25-March 1.

The 109 delegates participated in study groups and workshops led by staff members of the general board in Washington, D.C. Dr. Paul Deats, associate professor of social ethics and religion in higher education at Boston University School of Theology, was the main speaker at three sessions.

Two afternoons were spent in small-group interviews with 20 Chicago community leaders to obtain their ideas about moral values, personal decision-making and the church's role in society.

Stained Glass Window Wins National Award

A stained glass window created for Trinity Church, Tallahassee, and its designer, Marguerite Gaudin of Philadelphia, Pa., were named in Seattle for one of three national Ecclesiastical Arts Awards.

Fine arts in the service of the church were singled out for the Ecclesiastical Arts Awards in the fifth annual exhibition of church arts in conjunction with the National Conference on Church Architecture, March 5-7 at Seattle's Olympic Hotel.

The window is a mosaic-and-faceted glass. Its creator is a stained glass designer for the Willet Stained Glass Studio, Philadelphia.

College Theater Group Plans Outdoor Drama

Florida Southern College's theatrical department and The Great Masterpiece in Lake Wales, one of the state's show places, will join in sponsoring a special outdoor drama in April as a feature of the Florida Arts Festival.

The student Vagabond Players of Florida Southern have accepted an invitation to stage three evening performances of "Oedipus Rex," a tragedy of ancient Greece by Sophocles, in the gardens of The Great Masterpiece on April 22, 25, 28.

Fellowship Leader

Robert Hoffelt, director of music at Riverside Park Church, Jacksonville, will direct fun and fellowship activities at the biennial convocation of the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians, Aug. 4-9, at Baker University, Baldwin, Kan. The meeting is for church musicians throughout the nation.

No Major Obstacles To Union with EUB

Members of the Commission on Church Union of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church are agreed there are no insurmountable obstacles to the union of these denominations.

This consensus, reached in a joint meeting of the two commissions in Cleveland, Ohio, March 18 was based on the work of 20 study committees of the joint commission.

Before final union, five steps are necessary:

1. Present plans call for the development of principles for a plan and basis of union by the time of the 1964 General Conference of the Methodist Church which meets in Pittsburgh, Pa., April 26.

2. Pending favorable action by that body the joint commission will proceed to develop a complete plan and basis of union which would be submitted to the General Conference of the EUB Church in October, 1966.

3. If the EUB General Conference approves the proposal, the proposed plan and basis of union would be submitted to the annual conferences of both denominations during 1967.

4. If action by the annual conferences to the proposal is approved by the necessary majorities, the proposal then comes before the Methodist General Conference of 1968 for action.

5. It is anticipated that a specially called session of the EUB General Conference at the time of the 1968 Methodist General Conference could become the Uniting Conference for the two denominations.

"Where in Heaven are you going so fast?"

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CHARLES C. PARLIN INSTALLED AS HONORARY CHANCELLOR AT FLORIDA SOUTHERN
By former Gov. Doyle E. Carlton (left) and President Charles T. Thrift, Jr.

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The Bishop Calls—

Dear Friends:

New churches are being completed here and there all over Florida. First Church (Stone Church) in Key West has been renovated. I visited there about a month ago, before completion, and it was quite evident that this is going to be a beautiful sanctuary and that the plant is going to be most attractive throughout. First Church, South Miami, is under construction. A visit there these days is a delightful experience. Last Sunday I preached at First Church, Zephyrhills. Their new sanctuary is almost completed and they are to be congratulated.

I had a delightful time on Sunday, March 24, at the Wesley Foundation in Tallahassee. It's always a thrill to speak to a group of students, and our Wesley Foundation at Florida State is reaching hundreds of them. On Monday, the 25th, I had lunch with a group of Methodist laymen in Tallahassee. On Thursday, the 28th, we had a fine meeting in St. Petersburg with representatives from the Florida Conference, Central Jurisdiction, and from our own Florida Conference, Southeastern Jurisdiction, Monday, April 1, I spoke to the men's club at Southside Church, Jacksonville. Methodist people are wonderful folk wherever you find them, and the Florida Conference is on the march. Let us pray God that His spirit will be vitally at work in our midst.

Mr. Charles Parlin, senior member of the largest law firm in the United States, was the Honorary Chancellor during Founders' Week at Florida Southern. He spoke three times on his visit and everyone was tremendously impressed with the leadership this fine layman is giving on behalf of Methodism.

Let me urge you to keep Florida Southern College in the minds of all your high school students. They cannot improve on this fine institution and they will find there a Christian concern which every young person needs throughout his college career.

Another Conference is just around the corner. It hardly seems possible that another year is drawing to a close. If we are faithful during this next month and a half, this can be the most glorious year of accomplishment in the history of Florida Methodism. Great tasks confront us locally and conference-wide, but we are serving a great Lord and His power is sufficient to sustain us in every undertaking.

Let us not relax our efforts in the field of evangelism. Our Commission cannot be accompished through seasonal efforts alone. We must be diligent day in and day out. Commissions on Membership and Evangelism should meet regularly and plan carefully for the work which is committed unto them. The members of each congregation are called upon to support them. Thousands more can be gathered in before June 4 if we pursue our united efforts.

I have before me a letter just received from Brother Kenneth Traxler. He moved to Brasilia in February, and the people of his congregation are very much excited about the prospects of their new church. He has asked me to express their gratitude for the support and encouragement that is coming from the churches of this state.

With very genuine prayers for God's blessings upon you all, I am

Sincerely yours,
JAMES W. HENLEY

Wesley Memorial Church, Lakeland, celebrated its 50th Anniversary on March 24. At right are three ministers who participated in the observance, the Rev. J. R. Hill, who served the church from 1944 to 1947; the Rev. J. Marvin Sweat, Jr., present pastor; and the Rev. Luther V. Laite, pastor during 1952-58.

N LAKELAND—

Wesley Church Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Wesley Memorial Church, Lakeand, celebrated its 50th Anniverary on March 24. Every inch of pace in its sanctuary was filled vith those who came to observe he occasion.

The church's organization in 913 followed a series of "tent neetings" on the north side of own sponsored by First Church, Lakeland. The meetings showed hat a number of people were inerested in having a church in the neighborhood and a building was tarted. A group from First Church ransferred their membership to vhat was known as the North Lakeland Mission.

Later the church became known s the Myrtle Street Church. It ontinued to grow and expand at ts Myrtle Street site until after World War II, when plans were nade under the ministry of the Rev. J. R. Hill to build a new hurch on the present North Massachusetts Avenue site.

The present sanctuary was built nder the ministry of the Rev. W. 3. Mundy in 1949. A new educaional building was started in 950 while the Rev. M. E. Myer vas pastor at the church.

During the six-year pastorate of he Rev. Luther V. Laite, 1952-1958, the debt on the sanctuary was retired and the church's gymatorium was constructed. The church reached new heights of accomplishment in missionary support as well as meeting local needs.

The church has continued its steady growth under its present pastor, the Rev. J. Marvin Sweat, Jr. All available educational facilities are filled to capacity and two Sunday morning services are held in the sanctuary. A new, modern parsonage was built by the church in 1961.

Two of the highlights of the anniversary service were the reception of 18 persons into membership in the church and the awarding of six life memberships by the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Those receiving the life memberships were Mrs. Thyra Kerns, Mrs. Jack Welch, Mrs. Quillian Yancey, Sr., Mrs. Vance Lanier, Mrs. Ed Shelton and Mrs. Marvin Fletcher.

Older Adults To Discuss Relevant Faith

The 17th Annual Adult Conference, conducted especially for older adults and workers with older adults, will be held at the Leesburg Youth Camp on April 29 - May 2.

Theme of the conference is "Adult Adventure." The resource leader will be the Rev. John W. Cook, who served for eight years as editor of the Methodist magazine, **Mature Years.**

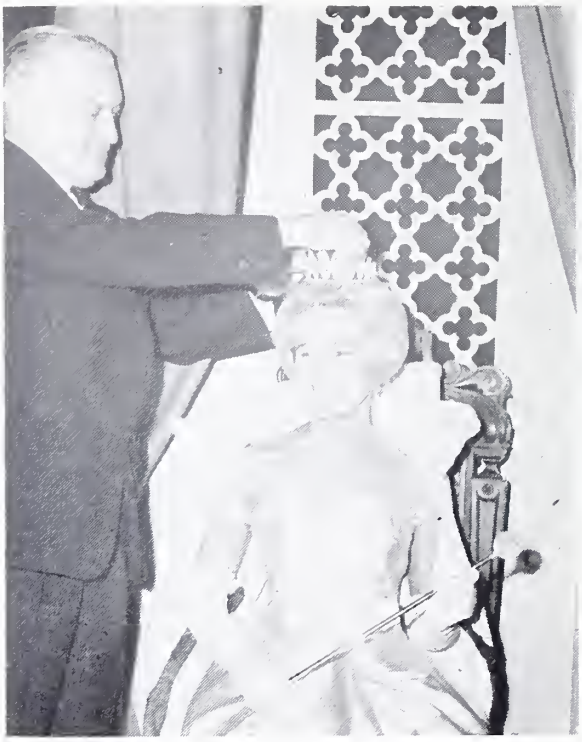
Other speakers include Bishop Arthur Wesley, former bishop to Argentina, Bolivia and Uruguay, and the Rev. George Hill, minister of world affairs at Palma Ceia Church, Tampa.

Cost of the conference is $11.50. Registration deadline is April 24. Registrations should be submitted to L. H. Gore, 1714 Peninsular Street, Tampa 3, Florida.

The main emphasis of the conference will be the importance of adults, even older adults, keeping their faith relevant to this fast-moving age.

President of the conference is Herman J. Shirley. Dean is the Rev. R. Ira Barnett. Other leaders at the conference are: Mrs. Floy Langford, the Rev. F. M. Boyd, the Rev. Robert Barber, the Rev. R. L. Allen, Mrs. Marian Gannaway, the Rev. John Simon, the Rev. Laurie Cole and the Rev. William Eddy.

Nell Petteway, Lakeland, is congratulated by Florida Southern College President Charles T. Thrift, Jr., after the announcement of her selection as this year's "Honor Walk Student."



Sandra Vodvarka, Pittsburgh, is crowned "Miss Florida Southern College of 1963" by Charles C. Parlin, this year's honorary chancellor of the college. She was elected by the student body.

LEGISLATOR DECLARES:

Moral Values Must Not Be Neglected in Space Age Education

The importance of moral values must not be forgotten as we gear our educational institutions for the space age race, one of Florida's leading Methodist laymen told alumni of Florida Southern College.

"Education and morality go hand in hand and it is more important than ever that they be linked together," said State Rep. Robert T. Mann, Tampa, at the Alumni Day banquet at the college.

Mann is lay leader of the Tampa District, secretary of the Conference Board of Lay Activities, and treasurer of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Noting that man's technical achievements appear to be outstripping his advancement in human relations, Mann declared:

"I am an optimist about the future of mankind, but I am not unmindful that we Americans can easily get so big and fat and cocky that we will just rot away."

Mann stressed the importance of church-related colleges in assuring moral values and said that as a state legislator he favored the state providing loans and grants to enable deserving high school graduates, who need financial help, to go to college—state or private.

The Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell, Bradenton, was installed as new national president of the Alumni Association. Judge Richard H. Cooper, Orlando, is president-elect.

Three state vice presidents are the Rev. Robert Blackburn, Jacksonville; Miss Agnes Johnson, Tallahassee; and William Barnes, West Palm Beach.

One of the highlights of the Founders' Week at the college was the donation of an unusual collection of wood carvings to the college by Wally Smith of Sarasota.

Change of Address

The Rev. George A. Foster, superintendent of the Miami District, announces a change of address. His new mailing address is Box 2079, Miami Beach.

Mathematics Majors At FSC Win Awards

A 1958 graduate of Florida Southern College and a student who will graduate this year, both mathematics majors, have recently received coveted awards.

Roe William Goodman of Lakeland, now an instructor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been awarded a $5,000 National Science Foundation fellowship to pursue post-doctoral research in mathematics at Harvard University. He won a Woodrow Wilson Foundation fellowship while at Florida Southern.

Gerald Lee Noelle, Winter Haven, has been awarded a fellowship by the Woodrow Wilson Foundation this year. He plans to study next year for his master's degree at the University of South Carolina and then prepare for a doctor's degree at a university to be selected later.

PIRIT OF COOPERATION—

Present Era 'Tremendously Important' in Life of Church

History will record the last two cades as "tremendously impor-nt" in the life of the Church, ethodism's foremost laymen as-rted during a Founders' Week dress at Florida Southern Col-ge.

A dramatic change has oc-rred, he explained, in which ıristians have begun to draw ɔser and closer together after ars of schism and hostility.

Parlin, one of the six interna-ɔnal church leaders elected to e presidium of the World Coun-l of Churches at New Delhi in 61, made his remarks to mem-rs and guests of the Century ub at Florida Southern. He ɔke on two other occasions ırıng the event-filled Founders' eek.

The New York attorney predict-l a new era of cooperation be-veen the various arms of the ıristian Church, although he ated he saw no blueprint for erger — even among the six otestant denominations (in-uding Methodists) which re-ntly participated in a Consul-tion on Church Union in Ober-ı, Ohio, as a follow-up to the nowned "Blake Proposal."

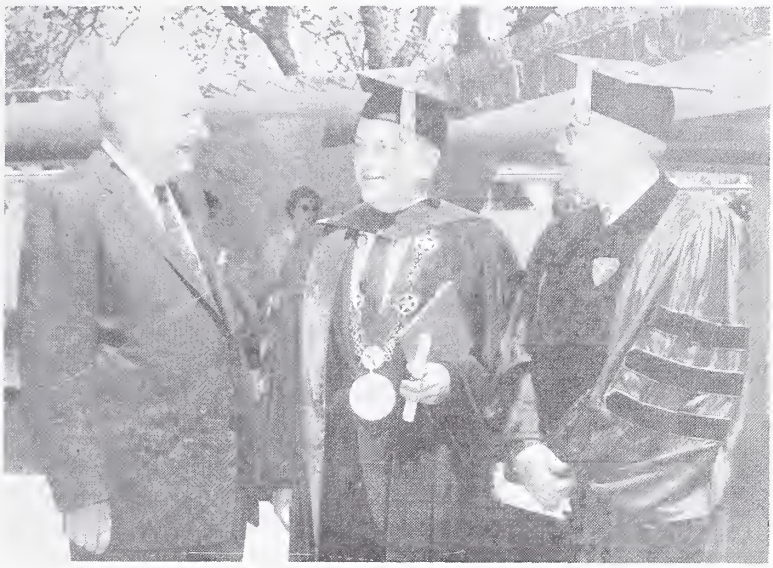
Parlin, who is secretary of the mmission on Church Union, id he did see considerable like-lood of mergers within various amilies" of Protestantism, such the Methodist Church and the angelical United Brethren ɔmetimes referred to as "Ger-an Methodists").

The most promising area for ɔser cooperation among Chris-ns is through church councils, rlin said.

The speaker mentioned several ɔtives for closer cooperation ıong Christians. They face such mmon challenges as material-n ("salvation through self-suf-iency"), a great revival of oth-religions (such as Moslems in rica), and atheistic govern-ents bent on stamping out Christianity in whatever form it might take.

But the chief reason for this cooperation, Parlin continued, is a deep religious motivation stemming from the prayer of Christ that His followers be one so that the people of the world would believe in Him.

"If we are to make people believe, we have got to stop bickering amongst ourselves—that is the ecumenical movement," he concluded.



Two of Methodism's foremost laymen, Charles C. Parlin (center), a president of the World Council of Churches, and R. Howard Berg (left), Melbourne, Florida Conference lay leader and president of the General Board of Lay Activities, talk with Bishop Henley during Founders' Week at Florida Southern College.

ooks Close May 22

Acting Conference Treasurer nce Jenkins announces that e books for the 1962-63 Con-rence Year will be closed at on, May 22. All payments which through the central treasur-s office must be received by at time if they are to be cred-d to this Conference Year.

Suffering of World War II Brought Revival Of Russian Church Despite Communist Rule

The revival of the Russian Orthodox Church despite the control of the country by atheistic Communism was described by Charles C. Parlin during his talk at the Century Club banquet at Florida Southern College.

When the Communists first took over in Russia in 1917, they killed the Czar — who was the head of the church as well as the government. They also liquidated many of the clergymen and harshly persecuted Christians.

Visible signs of an organized religion were almost gone in Russia until the great suffering of World War II revived religion. During the siege of Leningrad—in which 900,000 persons died for lack of food and water — an Orthodox bishop led the people in resisting the Germans.

To strengthen the war effort, the Russian government relaxed its persecution of the church. It quickly revived and now numbers 72 bishops, 30,000 priests and an estimated 50 million believers.

Although the persecution has ended, the Communist government is still attempting to destroy the church through education. The churches are forbidden to conduct educational programs for youth, and the government attempts to ridicule religion in the schools.

The church continues to succeed through training in the home, Parlin related. Christian funerals are almost universal in Russia, he added, even for many Communist leaders. When asked to explain this, one Russian observed:

"At a time of bereavement, neither Lenin nor Marx has anything to say that is the equivalent of the benediction of a priest."

Crosscurrents

(A Forum of Methodist Opinion)

The views expressed in these columns are solely those of the writer or the person quoted and do not necessarily represent the policies of The Methodist Church. "Crosscurrents" does not endorse or criticize the opinions expressed, serving instead as an open forum for Methodists of varying points of view.

(Editor's Note—The question of minister's salaries and general support was the subject of two recent statements we've received from Florida laymen. Personal references have been deleted and the men are not mentioned by name so that their views, and not personalities, shall be considered.)

Wants To Show Pride in His Pastor

My pastor is a professional man. The years and money he spent in college and in seminary could have been spent qualifying him as an attorney, an architect, an engineer, and could have sent him well on his way toward the practice of medicine. But he didn't want to be an architect or a lawyer; he was called to the ministry. Heaven knows that money didn't attract him. His is a dedicated, selfless job of service that only a firm faith and a lasting devotion could support. He is my pastor because that faith and devotion wouldn't let him settle for anything but the Christian ministry.

I help to pay his salary; and I have a voice in virtually everything he does where my church is concerned. Like my church, he is my responsibility; and I want him to go first class. I have never subscribed to the theory that ministers of the Gospel should eat less, dress cheaper, or live more frugally than other professional men.

Whether my pastor makes more money or less money than I do matters not a whit. What does matter is that he be compensated in a fashion commensurate with his training, his ability, and his responsibilities. If he chooses to give all of this money to the poor and go threadbare himself, that is his business. If he goes threadbare through my own parsimony, that's my business.

I am proud of my pastor and the work he does. I know he'll never be rich in material things. But when he attends any meeting, when he speaks publicly, when he makes the rounds of the ministry, I want all who see him to know that he has a congregation that loves him. I want my pastor to travel first class.

'Pastors Too Concerned With Luxuries'

I have read for some time in your magazine and other Methodist periodicals about per capita giving. The Branscomb Memorial Fund and now the Children's Home come into view. Unless the bishops and district superintendents don't wake up and do something to correct a lot of things that are tearing the heart out of the Methodist Church, we are going to suffer not only in tithes and giving but also in membership.

I am sorry to say we have many ministers who are more interested in salaries and luxuries than they are of being a true, loyal minister. In some cases pastors are away as many as five weeks on European tours while the church is expected to pay the visiting minister $50 a Sunday.

Why doesn't some action come from the district superintendents on vacations, salaries, absence from charge, etc. Have some set rule. General Motors, General Electric, Westinghouse and many industries only give three weeks vacation regardless of how many years you have been with them.

In your March issue is a headline, "World Needs Right Kind of Rebel." Even the college students are aware of the fact that we need more good sermons and less after dinner speeches from the pulpit. I would like to see Harry Denman have a week revival for ministers only.

BRYANT SUPPORTS RESTRICTION OF BEER SALES

Gov. Farris Bryant made a specific request for legislation to remove all alcoholic beverages from grocery stores in his opening address to the state legislature.

That portion of his address reads:

"We have received in the last several weeks hundreds of letters from the people of Florida protesting the sale of beer in grocery stores. Grocery stores are family stores, and while the people have decided through the repeal of the 18th Amendment that any adult who desires to purchase alcohol should have the opportunity to do so, it has been the universal practice to shield our youth from its use .The display of alcohol in grocery stores as a food product undistinguished from others is inconsistent with our ban on alcohol for minors, and in my judgment should be ended."

New Policy Insures More News Coverage

The **Florida Methodist** accepted its last two-page commercial advertisement with the April 1 issue under a policy adopted by the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information.

The commission voted to restrict commercial advertisements to one page or less in size in order to reserve more space for news coverage throughout the year.

Those subscribers who have supported the **Florida Methodist** at this year's higher subscription rates enabled the commission to take such action. Increased subscription revenue more than makes up for the anticipated loss in advertising income.

Trustees To Meet

The board of trustees of Florida Methodist Children's Home, Inc., will meet at Enterprise on April 18 at 10 a.m. The board invites anyone who has business for the board to consider to be present at that time.

Legislators Urged To Study Losses Due To Alcohol

The growing problem of alcoolism in Florida is becoming a ıajor concern to health authorıies, employers and traffic enorcement officials . . . Drinkıg remains a major cause for amily breakdown and youthful nmorality . . . Yet, we are earful about curbing the sale of quor lest the state lose some tax evenue.

This was the picture of our tate painted by the president of nited Christian Action at the roup's second biannual Legislaors and Pastors' Prayer Breakast held in Tallahassee the day fter the legislature convened.

Special guests at the breakfast ere approximately 125 state legslators and their pastors, Governor Farris Bryant and five cabıet members.

The Rev. Edgar R. Cooper, a aptist pastor in Orlando and resident of United Christian Acon, addressed the group. Methodists who participated in the program included the Rev. Donold M. MacKay, pastor of Jacksonville Beach Church, who presided; State Rep. Robert Mann, Tampa, who led the responsive reading; and the Rev. Lee W. Davidson, Jr., pastor of North Hialeah Church, who gave the benediction.

PANDORA'S BOX—1963

Mr. Cooper urged that the lawmakers be courageous enough to at least investigate how much excessive use of alcohol is costing the state in terms of crime, traffic accidents, mental illness, work loss and dependent children. He said other states that have done this have found that widespread use of alcohol is costing them $3.52 for every $1 of revenue it produces.

Some of the statistics he cited were: Florida has 150,000 alcoholics in the state, 500,000 "problem drinkers"; Florida industry loses an estimated $21 million a year in accidents, lost time and ineffectiveness due to alcohol; reports from various communities show that 40 to 60 per cent of all traffic accidents involve persons who have been drinking. In Miami, 70 per cent of the pedestrians killed in traffic have been drinking.

SUBSCRIPTION LISTS STILL SOUGHT FROM 200 CHURCHES

The **Florida Methodist** entered he last two months of the Conerence Year on April 1 withh 111 harges qualifying for the "1 in 0" subscription plan. This is wice the number of churches hich had subscribers equal to ne-tenth of their membership at his time a year ago.

The publication has received ubscription lists from 178 addiional charges, many of them ith considerably more names han a year ago. There are still 08 charges, however, which have ot submitted a list of subscribrs during the 1962-63 Conference ear.

Following is a district-by-disrict report on subscriptions reeived through March 31, includng a listing of those "1 in 10" hurches added to our total since ublication of an earlier list in he March 1 issue:

eLAND DISTRICT
(382 subscriptions,
June 1-April 1)
"1 in 10" (Feb. 15-April. 1)
Holly Hill
Lake Helen
Total "1 in 10" Charges: 8
Other Lists Received: 9
(18 charges—No list by Apr. 1)

AINESVILLE DISTRICT
(509 subscriptions,
June 1-April 1)
Total "1 in 10" Charges: 19
Other Lists Received: 11
(18 charges—No list by Apr. 1)

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT
(1,252 subscriptions,
June 1-April 1)
"1 in 10" (Feb. 15-Apr. 1)
JACKSONVILLE:
North Shore
Total "1 in 10" Charges: 14
Other Lists Received: 25
(10 charges—No list by Apr. 1)

LAKELAND DISTRICT
(985 subscriptions,
June 1-April 1)
"1 in 10" (Feb. 15-Apr. 1)
Lake Alfred
Total "1 in 10" Charges: 18
Other Lists Received: 16
(8 charges—No list by Apr. 1)

MIAMI DISTRICT
(791 subscriptions,
June 1-April 1)
Total "1 in 10" Charges: 8
Other Lists Received: 21
(26 charges—No list by Apr. 1)

ORLANDO DISTRICT
(1,030 subscriptions,
June 1-April 1)
"1 in 10" (Feb. 15-Apr. 1)
ORLANDO:
St. Paul's
Total "1 in 10" Charges: 11
Other Lists Received: 17
(16 charges—No list by Apr. 1)

SARASOTA DISTRICT
(399 subscriptions,
June 1-April 1)
"1 in 10" (Feb. 15-Apr. 1)
Terra Ceia
Total "1 in 10" Charges: 5
Other Lists Received: 15
(29 charges—No list by Apr. 1)

ST. PETERSBURG DISTRICT
(699 subscriptions,
June 1-April 1)
Total "1 in 10" Charges: 5
Other Lists Received: 21
(21 charges—No list by Apr. 1)

TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT
(532 subscriptions,
June 1-April 1)
Total "1 in 10" Charges: 12
Other Lists Received: 9
(17 charges—No list by Apr. 1)

TAMPA DISTRICT
(512 subscriptions,
June 1-April 1)
Total "1 in 10" Charges: 6
Other Lists Received: 14
(20 charges—No list by Apr. 1)

WEST PALM BEACH DISTRICT
(636 subscriptions,
June 1-Apr. 1)
"1 in 10" (Feb. 15-Apr. 1)
Fellsmere
White City
(omitted earlier)
FORT LAUDERDALE:
St. Paul's
(omitted earlier)
WEST PALM BEACH:
Grace
VERO BEACH
Lakewood Park
Total "1 in 10" Charges: 7
Other Lists Received: 20
(26 charges—No list by Apr. 1)

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Program Highlights of Woman's Society Annual Meeting

The 23rd Annual Meeting of the Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild will be held at Community Church, Daytona Beach, Apr. 23-25.

Theme for the meeting will be "Now Is The Time." One of the most important items of business will be the presentation of the Charter of Racial Policies for ratification by the Florida Conference Woman's Society.

General chairman for the meeting is Mrs. Howard Anderson. Co-chairman is Mrs. Hadley Davis. Following are some of the highlights of the program:

Tuesday, April 23

Tuesday Morning and Afternoon

Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the ground floor of the church social hall. A literature room will be open during the hours of registration.

Tuesday Evening

The evening meeting will begin at 7:50 with an organ prelude by Horace Bennett, organist. Mrs. David R. Thurman, Miami, conference president, will open the meeting at 8 o'clock. There will be singing of the theme hymn, "At Length There Dawns the Glorious Days," and then a prayer by the Rev. S. Paris Bell, host pastor. The Community Church chancel choir, directed by John A. M. Stewart, will present two anthems. Highlight of the evening will be an address by

Weems

Cathcart

Bishop Henley. The meeting will be followed by a reception at the Daytona Riviera Resort Motel.

Wednesday, April 24

Wednesday Morning

The morning meeting will begin at 8:50 with an organ prelude. Mrs. R. V. Rains, conference secretary of spiritual life, will lead the morning devotion. Greetings will be extended by the Rev. Joe A. Tolle, district superintendent; Mr. Bell; Mrs. Bruce Gray, on behalf of the hostess district; and Mrs. Edward Tamm, on behalf of the hostess society. After some preliminary business, Mrs. Thurman will deliver the president's message. This

Anderson

Davis

will be followed by the pledge service led by Mrs. L. F. Shore, conference treasurer; Mrs. Thurman; and the district presidents and treasurers. The Rev. Robert M. Blackburn, pastor of First Church, Jacksonville, will deliver the first of his series of noontime messages, this one on the topic: "The Factors That Confront Us."

Wednesday Luncheon

A luncheon for the Young Women of the conference will be held at the Banyan Tree Club with Mrs. George Carlton, conference secretary of missionary personnel, presiding. Guest speaker will be Miss Betsy Ewing, deaconess, dean of students at Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville. Her topic will be "Christian Women in Today's World."

Wednesday Afternoon

Following a hymn and then a prayer led by Mrs. H. V. Weems, Sebring, the presentation of the

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Program Highlights of Woman's Society Annual Meeting

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harter of Racial Policies will be made by Mrs. avid J. Cathcart, Cocoa, past president of the outheastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of hristian Service. Other business will take up the mainder of the afternoon, which will be conuded with prayer by the Rev. E. F. Carwithen, astor of First Church, Daytona Beach. Fellowship nners will begin at 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday Evening

Mrs. C. Durward Johnson, Quincy, conference ce president, will preside at the evening program ginning at 7:50 with an organ prelude by Mrs. lanche Anderson, DeLand District director of muc. After singing the Guild Theme Hymn to the ne "Finlandia," there will be a meditation by iss Margaret Field, Jacksonville. The Annual eeting offering will be followed with selections y the Bethune-Cookman college choir under the rection of Thomas D. Demps. An address, "Servg the Present Age," by Miss Ewing will climax e evening.

Thursday, April 25

Thursday Morning

The Thursday morning program will open at 50 with an organ prelude, hymn, and a prayer y the Rev. Frank L. Daniel, pastor of Hastingsiverdale Churches. The conference officers and ecretaries will join in presenting a master report, Come Walk With Me Today," which was correted by Mrs. H. Quillian Jones, Fort Myers, secetary of promotion. This will be followed by a olo, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked," by ichard Huff. Mrs. Howard Weems, Sebring, a ember of the General Board of Missions, will preent the Conference Love Offering to be divided qually between Crusade Scholarships and furishings for the Branscomb Memorial Auditorium,

Blackburn

Ewing

Florida Southern College. Mr. Blackburn's second noontime message will be on the topic: "The Frontiers That Call Us."

Thursday Afternoon

The afternoon program will open at 1:50 with an organ prelude, hymn, and prayer led by Mrs. A. R. Ivey, former conference president. Miss Lillian Kelly, Miami, representative of the Deaconess Association, will lead in the presentation of reports from the following Florida mission projects: Brewster Methodist Hospital, Jacksonville; Miami Latin Center, Miami; Rosa Valdez Center, Tampa; Wesley Community House, Key West; Wolff Settlement, Tampa; Church and Community Work (rural areas); and Community Work, Jacksonville. Other committee reports will follow, plus a time for groups to assist in planning for the future with the conference officers and secretaries of lines of work.

Thursday Evening

The evening program will begin at 7:50. The Community Church Choir will sing two anthems and then Mrs. Thurman will adjourn the annual meeting in preparation for the Communion Service. Mr. Tolle will present the Communion meditation, and the Communion offering will be used for Cuban refugee work in the Tampa area.

he Community Methodist Church, Daytona Beach, will be host hurch for the 23rd Annual Meeting of the Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild this year on April 23-25.

Advance Special Giving Less Than Year Ago

Through March 21 the Florida Conference has contributed $866,987. 28 for Advance and Educational Specials, according to a report by Acting Conference Treasurer Vance Jenkins.

This is $68,074.26 less than a year ago. Contributions are ahead of a year ago in National Missions, Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief (MCOR), and Educational Specials. They are less than a year ago for World Missions and Conference Advance Specials.

The Rev. C. M. Cotton, conference missionary secretary, said it will take some earnest and hard work to reach the unofficial conference goal off $1,500,000 in Advance Specials this year and he urged the churches to pull together in an effort to attain it.

The Rev. R. E. Rutland, pastor of the McIntosh Church pins an honorary membership pin on his wife, Leila, gift of the Gainesville District WSCS. Watching is Mrs. L. A. Gaitanis, Gainesville, district vice president. Mrs. Rutland was honored for her many years of service to the Woman's Society

Appearing on the programs of all the district meetings of Woman's Society of Christian Service were (from left) Mrs. C. Durward Johnson, Quincy, conference vice president; Miss Sara Fernandez, missionary to Cuba; and Mrs. David R. Thurman, Miami, conference president.

3 Crusade Scholars To Attend Annual Meeting in Daytona

Miss Misao Akagawa of Japan, Miss Lorine Chan of the Fiji Islands, and Miss Josie Runes from the Philippines will be honored guests of the Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service in their annual meeting in Daytona Beach. These three young women are holders of Crusade Scholarships enabling them to do graduate work in the United States with the expectation of returning to positions of leadership in their native countries.

Both Miss Chan and Miss Akagawa are enrolled in Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee. Miss Akagawa is graduate of Hiroshima College for Christian girls and was assistant professor of religious education at Seiwa Junior College for Christian workers in Mishinomiya. She is majoring in curriculum building.

Miss Josie Runes is a student at Syracuse University, where she is a candidate for a master's degree in religious journalism. She began her career in Christian journalism 10 years ago in youth training programs in her native Philippines. Upon graduation from the Woman's University of the Philippines, she joined the literature department of the Methodist Church, and in 1957 she became the first Filipino woman secretary of this work. She expects to resume this position when she returns to Manila in June upon completion of her studies here.

The women of the Florida Conference are supporting the Crusade Scholarship Fund, which has made it possible for these and other students to receive training in the U. S. by making it one of the objectives of their annual Love Offering.

Mrs. Stalvey Honored

During the meeting of the Miami District Woman's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. J. Ben Stalvey, secretary of student work of the Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society, brought Mrs. C. Durward Johnson, conference vice president, to the altar. But to her surprise she found that it was she and not Mrs. Johnson who was to be the center of attention. She was presented an honorary membership by Mrs. John Hodgin, district vice president, for her outstanding service.

Every man ought to be inquisitive through every hour of his great adventure down to the day when he shall no longer cast a shadow in the sun.

—FRANK MOORE COLBY

Over 100 Attend Tea At Community Center

Members of Jacksonville District Woman's Societies observed Easter with a festive tea at the Methodist Community Center on Sunday afternoon.

More than 100 women attended the event, which was held under the direction of Mrs. J. R. Timmins, district secretary of supply work, and Mrs. K. W. Johns, district secretary of Christian social concerns.

Hostesses were members of the board of directors of the community center of which Mrs. Ralph Perkins is president. Refreshments included cookies and punch made by some of the older girls at the center.

Represent Conference

Women have represented the Florida Conference in regional and national meetings recently. Mrs. H. V. Weems, Sebring, member of the General Board of Missions, attended the Consultation on Agricultural Missions in Philadelphia, March 12-18. Members of the Bishop's Study Committee, including Mrs. David Thurman, Miami; Mrs. Allen Watson, Wildwood; and Mrs. George Bohannon, Ft. Lauderdale, were enrolled in an area seminar on "Our Mission Today" under the leadership of the Rev. Tracy Jones in Washington, D. C., in February.

Me And My Bible

By MRS. ED FERRELL

I had trouble writing an article ne day. A friend showed me how o polish it. She gave me what I idn't have. Curiously enough, ust that day I had the opportuity of showing someone how to hrase a Sunday school bulletin. Vhich sums up most of living—iving and receiving.

To live fully we must become killed in the art of giving, as ell as receiving. Emerson said: Has a man gained anything who as received a hundred favors and endered none?" For when we top giving back that which comes o us, life dries up within us.

Some of the time we can't give ack to those who have given to s; but life provides the way for s to pass it onto someone else. This is our privilege.

Our children may never be able o repay us for what we give them, ut the time comes when they ass this training on to their children. The friend who comes when we need her may never need us n the same manner; but someone vill come along who does. In the course of time, all we give forth comes back to us in the one form or another.

Ecclesiastes 11:1 tells us: "Cast hy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days."

Legislative Seminar Slated in Tallahassee

Ministers and laymen of 13 denominations will meet in Tallahassee, April 23-24, for the second Churchman's Legislative Seminar sponsored by the Florida Council of Churches.

The seminar is more of an educational and witnessing opportunity than a lobbying operation. Highlight of the seminar will be a dinner at St. John's Episcopal Parish House at which the cabinet and legislators will be guest of the council. Speakers will be Commissioner of Agriculture Doyle Conner; Dr. William Kadel, president of Florida Presbyterian College; and Rep. Ralph Turlington.

Suspension of Flights Divides Cuban Families

Suspension of regular flights from Cuba has interrupted the reunion of thousands of people, according to the Rev. Harold R. Hodgson, director of the Methodist refugee center in Miami.

"Unless reunions are quickly facilitated, the social consequences will be divorce, suffering of orphaned children, prostitution through economic compulsion and heart-broken people," he added.

Mr. Hodgson urged that U.S. churches keep the government informed of the situation. Further complicating the situation are Cubans who fled to Puerto Rico or Jamaica and are now separated from wives and children in Miami because of legal technicalities.

CALENDAR

April 15-16—Board of Ministerial Training, Methodist Building, Lakeland. (2 p.m., April 15; 9 a.m., April 16).

April 16-18—Annual Meeting of the Florida Conference Association of Directors of Christian Education, First Methodist Church, Orlando.

April 18—Board of Trustees, Florida Methodist Children's Home, Enterprise, 10 a.m.

April 22—Committee on Higher Education, Methodist Building, Lakeland, 1:30 p.m.

April 23—Trustees of Board of Education, Methodist Building, Lakeland, (Morning).

April 23-25—Annual Meeting of the Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, Community Church, Daytona Beach.

April 28—World Service Sunday in the Church School.

Aprli 29-May 2—Conference-wide Adult Conference at Leesburg Youth Camp.

May 2—Commission on World Service and Finance, Methodist Building, Lakeland.

May 5-12—National Family Week.

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News From The Churches

BEAR LAKE CHURCH ORGANIZES

Bear Lake Methodist Church was organized on March 24 by the Rev. Bruce F. Gannaway, Orlando District superintendent. The Rev. William M. Irwin has been named pastor of the church and has been holding services for two months. There were 53 charter members among the 85 present for the organizational service. The church now meets in the Bear Lake Elementary School, but a five-acre church site has been purchased by the Orlando District Board of Missions and plans are underway for construction of a first unit.

700 MEMBERS IN FIVE YEARS

The fifth anniversary of Wesley Memorial Church, Fort Myers, was observed Feb. 24 with the Rev. Henry W. Blackburn, executive secretary of church extension, as guest preacher. At the evening hour the Rev. William Fetherick preached. He was the first teacher of the Wesley Fellowship Class of the church and is now associate pastor at First Church, Fort Myers. The church now has close to 700 members. Pastor is the Rev. John F. Few, who has served the church since it was organized.

'FAR EAST' COMES TO IMMOKALEE

A real touch of the Far East was present at the Immokalee Church recently at a missions supper sponsored jointly by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Commission on Missions. An oriental dish, Sukiyaki, was served and those present were required to use chopsticks. Mrs. Hester Peters, a former missionary in China, displayed a collection of wares from the Far East and spoke on their culture and needs. Funds raised through the dinner were sent to support the work of the Rev. Curran (Spotty) Spottswood in the Philippines.

CHURCH PLANS FIRST UNIT

Indian River City Church, which was organized early this Conference Year, will begin construction shortly on the first unit of its proposed church plant on a six-acre tract of land on Highway 50. The church now has more than 100 members. The Rev. Robert M. Waddell transferred to the Florida Conference and began serving the church on Mar. 31. Previously the church had been served by the Rev. Emerald Dixon, retired supply.

. . . Receive Scout Award

CHURCH HONORS 5 BOY SCOUTS

Five Groveland Boy Scouts, including two sets of brothers, recently were awarded God and Country Awards by the Rev. Ernest E. Hawk, pastor, for 300 to 400 hours of volunteer service the boys have provided Edge Memorial Church during the past year and one-half. Shown with Mr. Hawk are (from left): James Staats, Gary Maquire, James Baysinger and Richard Baysinger.

CHURCH DEDICATES PARSONAGE

The parsonage of Saint Paul's Church, Tallahassee, was dedicated on March 24 by Bishop Henley, assisted by the Rev. Robert C. Holmes, district superintendent, and the pastor, the Rev. Leo F. King. All of the property and buildings owned by Saint Paul's has now been dedicated. The next new building planned by the church will be its sanctuary.

. . . Progress at DeBary

NEW EDUCATIONAL UNIT STARTED

Edward J. Perry, church school superintendent of Community Church, DeBary, turns the first shovel of earth for an educational unit at the church. The entire cost of the building was pledged and paid for in cash before groundbreaking. Standing on the left of Mr. Perry is the pastor, the Rev. Damon S. Scott. On the right are Everett L. Swift, lay leader; Samuel Faron, builder; and J. Raymond Higgins, designer of the building.

SEEKS GREEN STAMPS FOR ORGAN

Lakewood Park Church, a small young church in Lakeland, is seeking to get an organ through a unique offer made by a nationally known organ company for a church its size—through Green Stamps. The church has raised approximately 225 of the 328 books needed and is seeking some outside help to complete the project before the offer expires. The Rev. Don Richardson, pastor, said the spark plug behind the project is a retired pastor, the Rev. W. E. Cissna. Mr. Cissna urges those who would contribute books or "bonus" stamps to this project to send them to him at 2221 Burns Street, Lakeland.

MEN CONDUCT FISHING PROJECT

Methodist Men of Marathon Church have been carrying out a "fish for Christ" project at the suggestion of their pastor, the Rev. E. Jay Halter. One Saturday a month the men enjoy a day together fishing, then sell the fish and turn the money over to the treasurer for special projects for the church. About eight boats and 20 men have been engaged in each fishing expedition. The project, including a fish fry, has raised $531.

GIFT OF BIBLES DEDICATED

On March 31 Livingston Memorial Church, aytona Beach, dedicated 30 new Revised Stand-:d Version Bibles given to the church in memory a former church school superintendent, Charles . Fountain, by his children. Mr. Fountain died ec. 26. The church also recently received and edicated a redwood cross given by George Dirlam.

FIND STUDY COURSE STIMULATING

The Methodist Men of Fort White Charge, ainesville District, have begun the study course, Christianity and Communism." The Rev. Richard eyer, pastor, reports that it has stimulated a live-discussion among the men and recommends it or other churches.

CHATTAHOOCHEE BUILDS PARSONAGE

First Church, Chattahoochee, recently completed new parsonage which now serves as the home of he Rev. Donald F. Padgett and his family. Plans or the new parsonage began in 1958 when Mr. and Irs. M. Morgan left their old home to the church in their will. The property on a beautiful corner lot, serves as the site for the new home. The parsonage includes four bedrooms, 2½ baths, living room, dining room, family room, kitchen, utility room, pastor's study, outside storage room and a two-car carport. Building cost was $23,000 and $3,000 was spent on furnishings — over two-thirds of which was raised in cash.

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26 More Churches Attain Loan Fund 'Honor Roll'

Twenty-six Florida churches ere added to the Conference oan Fund Honor Roll between an. 23 and March 25, according o the Rev. Henry W. Blackburn, xecutive secretary of church ex-ension.

The loan fund is a $1,000,000 evolving fund for assisting new churches in acquiring their first buildings.

Newest additions to the honor roll are:

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Holly Hill

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LAKELAND DISTRICT
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Lakeland, Lakewood Park
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New Port Richey
St. Petersburg, St. Luke's

SARASOTA DISTRICT
Parrish

TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT
Tallahassee, St. Paul's

TAMPA DISTRICT
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WEST PALM BEACH
Boynton Beach, First
Eau Gallie
Lake Worth, St. Luke's
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huge pre-stressed concrete eam, weighing 48,000 pounds nd 70 feet in length, is hoisted nto place as part of supports for he $750,000 Branscomb Memoral uditorium under construction t Florida Southern College. The uditorium is a gift of Florida Methodists to the college.

Episcopalians Use Portable Churches

The Episcopal Church in Florida is using a portable, all-purpose church building designed to meet the needs of mushrooming expansion.

Two of the aluminum, relocatable, multi-use structures are nearing completion at St. James Church in West Hollywood and Guardian Angels Church in Lantana, according to Suffragan Bishop James L. Duncan.

Each building seats 190 persons and features a portable altar so that the structure may be used for classes, meetings, and socials as well as worship services.

The buildings, designed by Miami Architect Charles S. Broward, Jr., are in the shape of a cross. They will be used by the present churches for three to five years and then moved to new locations. They are the first of a group of 10 or 12 currently in the planning stage.

Legislative Reporter

The Florida Council of Churches has engaged a veteran reporter, Harold K. Phillips, formerly White House correspondent for the **New York Herald Tribune,** to write a weekly column of news about the Florida Legislature that is of special interest to church people. His column will be offered to every daily newspaper in the state.

Religious Publications Said 'Better Than Ever'

In many respects, church publications are communicating better than ever before, Edwin H. Maynard, editor of **The Methodist Story**, told members of the Associated Church Press in their annual meeting in Nashville, April 3-5.

"Whatever we may have to say, we are saying it better—in many respects—than ever before," Mr. Maynard, outgoing president of the organization, said in his presidential address.

The Associated Church Press is an organization serving 164 Protestant and Orthodox periodicals in the U.S. and Canada. The **Florida Methodist** was among the publications accepted as new members of the organization.

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Roy Lott (right) of Lakeland, named "Alumnus of the Year" at the annual Alumni Day activities at Florida Southern College receives a plaque from his old college roommate, Sam Banks. Both are active laymen in Lakeland Methodist churches, Lott at College Heights and Banks at First Church.

Hamilton To Preach At General Conference

The Rev. J. Wallace Hamilton, pastor of Pasadena Community Church, St. Petersburg, has been asked to deliver one of six sermons planned for the 1964 General Conference in Pittsburgh.

He is one of three parish ministers selected for this high honor. The others are the Rev. Robert A. Raines, pastor of First Church, Germantown, Pa.; and the Rev. Chester A. Pennington, pastor of Hennepin Avenue Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

A college president and two seminary professors will deliver the other sermons. They are Dr. Earnest A. Smith, president of Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi; Professor K. Morgan Edwards, Southern California School of Theology; and Professor Albert C. Outler, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University.

Jurisdiction Laymen Plan Retreat in July

Florida laymen should be making plans now to attend the Southeastern Jurisdiction Layman's Retreat at Lake Junaluska Assembly Grounds, July 25-28, according to J. M. Smedley, DeLand, Florida Conference chairman.

Mr. Smedley pointed out that this summer marks the 50th Anniversary of the assembly grounds and that an unusually fine program will be offered.

He added that detailed information on reservations and accommodations will be sent to each chapter of Methodist Men and to district officers.

Deaths

Dr. Lloyd Walter Chapin

Dr. Lloyd Walter Chapin, 61, brother of Mrs. James W. Henley, died April 8 in Atlanta after a short illness. He was Regents' professor emeritus at Georgia Institute of Technology where he had served since 1921. He served as dean of faculties at Tech from 1948 to 1955 and was Regents' professor of English from 1955 to 1958. Among the many distinguished posts he held as an educator was that of special consultant for the U.S. Air Force Academy Planning Board.

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ore Effort Needed or Sunday Schools

A special appeal to churches to ncentrate on strengthening eir Sunday schools was issued is month by the Rev. Milton yatt, executive secretary of the ard of Education.

Mr. Wyatt noted that a survey he recently conducted showed that average attendance in the Sunday schools of 141 participating churches had dropped slightly from a year ago.

Wyatt

This sampling of more than one-fourth of the churches in the conference showed that nday school enrollment was up ghtly (less than 1 per cent) hile average daily attendance s down about 1 per cent.

Mr. Wyatt suggested that April d May are ideal for recruiting w church school members and osting Sunday school attendce.

hurch Music Workshop lanned for June 17-29

The fifth annual Church Music orkshop, sponsored by the Conrence Board of Education and e Florida Chapter of The Naonal Fellowship of Methodist usicians (NaFOMM) will be held ne 17-20 at Florida Southern ollege in Lakeland.

Robert O. Hoffelt, dean, points t that this is a change in both te and location from previous ars.

Resource leader will be Dr. omes Ambrose of Nashville, nn. He is a musician, clergyan and educator. Mr. Ambrose s had a professional career in era, singing such leading roles Don Jose in "Carmen" and rrando in "Cosi Fan Tutte." He s also played many parts in ht opera and musical shows.

Mr. Ambrose is currently assoate professor of sacred music at eorge Peabody College and is rector of music at Scarritt Colge. He lectures in hymnology at nderbilt University Divinity hool. He is also currently servg as pastor of the church at ngston, Tenn.

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Her faint smile . . . her patience . . . her quiet tears . . . tell you this young "Mona Lisa" from India is more than a painting. She is flesh and bones—alive—and totally blind.

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Vinodamma's one hope: attend the school for the blind in Bangalore, learn braille, and develop skills to bring light into her mind. But she needs a friend to make this possible.

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Our Stewardship Predicament in Florida

By LAURIE G. RAY

Churches in Florida, particularly in communities on the lower coasts of Florida, are in a much more serious stewardship predicament than most of us realize.

We have continually increasing needs, resulting in heavier demands upon our operational and benevolent budgets. We have learned that the surest way to collect a church obligation is to place it in the budget. We can expect these budget askings to be larger.

In addition, we have vast building needs. People come in throngs — and we must minister to them. This means expensive buildings and large debts, requiring long years of interest and principal payments.

As we consider these important needs of our Church, we must also examine the financial situation of the people we serve in coastal Florida. They are predominantly of two classes—retired and young couples.

Many of the retired people are on low incomes, living in Florida in order to stretch their money further in this warm climate. Some retired persons are financially in good circumstances, but their whole outlook on life prevents them from being any more than casual givers. They are no longer producing considerable wealth, but seek to live on income from investments. They have left old haunts and loved ones, and have no sentimental attachment to their new church home—except as can be built up by new associations.

Money in significant sums is given only when the emotions of the donors are involved — the old pew where I sat as a boy, the altar where I was married, etc.

Young couples usually have large families, large mortgages and small incomes from which to give. They have little, and plans for all of it — and then some. We live in a world that has produced innumerable luxuries that we now (through the skilled and multifarious arts of Madison Avenue) classify as necessities.

When the church asks for regular and large pledges to support its needs, the response is likely to be: "We'd like to give, but we are already over-obligated for house, car, appliances, etc." So the

Laurie G. Ray

church gets the crumbs that fall from the family budget table.

The people from which the church can count for the most significant giving are those in middle life, who not only have money but are still making it in good measure. This important group is often markedly absent from our coastal congregations. It takes years for a new church to develop this group.

What is the answer to our stewardship predicament? Certainly, it is not to give up in despair. If we are to build and operate churches, and if our people are to attain healthy spiritual stature, we must teach them the grace of giving.

The best possible way to teach our congregation on the grace and glory of generous giving is to help them become dedicated tithers. By letting God sit at the budget table—and sit first—our people will have funds for God's causes and will not rob Him by using His tithe for their own needs. Unless we separate out God's money first, we have to fight our own self-interest—which is a losing battle, always.

Here are some stewardship recommendations for our Florida churches:

—If you are starting a new church, start it on a happy stewardship basis. Preach about stewardship, rejoice in it, give people a chance to practice it systematically. A church that adopts the attitude that money should not be mentioned in its fellowship will reap the whirlwind of unbalanced budgets, heavy debts and dwarfted souls.

—In every church, have an annual every-member canvass. If you are raising your budget without this, your budget is too small.

—In those churches that are in the process of building, have a separate building campaign every three years (two years for a small, new church) using qualified professional help from our General Board of Missions or from other organizations or individuals who are competent in this field.

—Watch the size of that debt. If you think it is hard to borrow money, try paying it back! Here is a formula for the amount of debt a church can safely carry as furnished by the General Board of Missions. Average these three factors: One-third the agreed value of property: $200 per family of local resident membership and four times the current expense budget. Too much debt cripples the operational and benevolent budget of the church.

—Build in stages, keeping the pressure where it belongs — on the congregation doing the building. It is probably not good for churches or individuals to realize all their dreams at once. Build awhile and then pay awhile. Try to plan your course so you will never have to campaign for debt only.

—Plan and stage your building fund campaigns before you build. People will give much more generously **before** they get into the building.

—Avoid putting your capital funds need together with your operating budget. Use separate campaigns, employing local talent for your operational funds and professional help for your building needs.

—Influenced by a long period of prosperity and long-term credit, the church is quickly forgetting her disastrous debt experiences of the late '20s and early '30s. We must be careful now or we will be repeating those old experiences.

What is the difference between "consecration" and "dedication"? Well, usually many years and hundreds of thousands of dollars. We need more consecrated pastors devoted to dedicating buildings so that the resources of the church can be used to further missions, benevolences and local church causes. Have courage to be a stewardship church, and great will be your reward in heaven and on earth.

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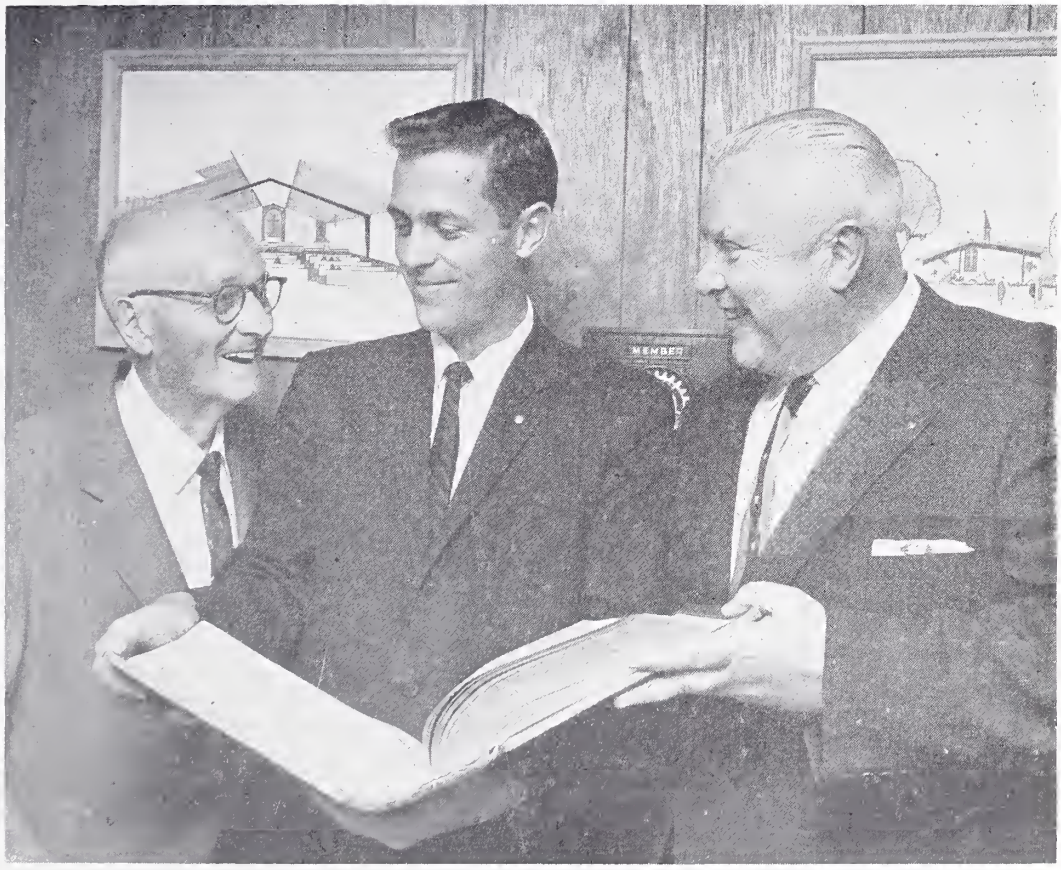

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The Bishop Calls—

Dear Friends:

I am writing this in the late evening of Easter Day. What a glorious week this past one has been. Everywhere in Christendom the minds and the hearts of believers have turned toward Christ, the Redeemer of us all. Last Sunday morning I watched one of our younger ministers receive a class of boys and girls into the church. I watched them come forward. Then their parents came and stood behind them. It was an experience that they will never forget as long as they live.

During this week we have suffered the shock of bereavement in our own family. Mrs. Henley's only brother passed away in Atlanta and we went up for the service. He was a grand Christian layman; an official in St. Marks Church, where he had taught a Sunday School class for 25 years. The story of Easter has come very much alive to us. This loved one of ours is not dead. He has discovered for himself the power of Christ's revelation. We believe this with all our hearts. While we are lonely, we are far from desolate.

Last week I received letters from Dr. Fuster and from Dr. Perez in Cuba. Our Annual Conference will be held in Havana on June 25th and 26th. Our workers continue steadfastly in their efforts to keep the church vigorously alive. The seminary at Matanzas continues its work of preparing Christian leaders. Our Advance Specials are needed from every congregation. If you have an Advance Special gift which has not been sent in, please do it as quickly as possible. And remember Cuba in your prayers.

May God bless you every one.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES W. HENLEY

Florida Women Ratify Racial Charter

Delegates representing local units of the Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild voted 278-159 on April 24 to ratify the Charter of Racial Policies of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

The vote represented the outcome of similar balloting taken within the local societies during the year. Each delegate, except 18 conference officers, was instructed to carry out the mandate of her society's action when the racial charter was presented to it for ratification.

The charter contains five statements of belief and 12 courses of action, under a subtitle, "We Will," which those voting for it endorsed. Those affirming it agreed to work toward elimination of racial discrimination in their church and community.

NEW EDUCATIONAL WING AT POMPANO BEACH

Pompano Church Consecrates 3 New Buildings

First Church, Pompano Beach, consecrated three new buildings on March 24, including an educational building, fellowship hall and administration building.

The educational building will provide classrooms for the nursery department and the youth division. The fellowship hall provides a church parlor, stage, kitchen and space for approximately 300 diners.

The administration building provides a church office with work rooms, library, and offices for the pastor, associate pastor, director of Christian education, and financial secretary.

The Rev. Charles A. Thompson, pastor, said the fellowship hall was named in honor of the Rev. John M. Sikes, pastor at the church from 1953-61. Mr. Sikes and his family were guests of honor at the consecration service.

Mr. Sikes served the church longer than any other former pastor. During his pastorate the membership grew from 656 to 1,680, a $450,000 sanctuary was constructed, and plans for the new buildings — costing approximately $210,000 — were virtually completed.

Evolution Views Stir No Conflict on TV

Nationwide response to a series of television programs on the Old Testament indicates that in most people's minds there is no longer any conflict between the teachings of the Bible and those of Charles Darwin on man's origin.

Letters from some 8,000 people in all walks of life have reached the National Council of Churches' Broadcasting and Film Commission during the first two months of its current NBC Sunday series, "The Living Bible in Today's World."

Scarcely one in 1,000 criticized Dr. Hagen Staack's lectures on the Book of Genesis, in which he reconciled modern scientific knowledge about the origins of man with the Old Testament creation stories.

10,000th Cuban Refugee Resettled from Miami

The 10,000th Cuban refugee to be resettled by Church World Service, relief agency of major Protestant churches in the U.S., has been flown from Miami to New Jersey where he is beginning life anew.

He is Victor Diaz, 42, formerly a pharmacist's assistant in a laboratory in Havana, who with his wife, Matilde, and son, Tomas Luis, 11, flew to Miami last September just before flights from Cuba were suspended.

Mr. Diaz was unable to find employment in refugee-crowded Miami.

Church School Workers Attend Bible Retreat

Fresh insight into the Bible was furnished 53 church school workers from Jacksonville at a Bible retreat, April 19-20, at Camp Montgomery, Keystone Heights.

Dr. Charles Laymon, head of the religion department at Florida Southern College, showed those present how to better use the Bible and how to better understand its meaning. He used for his text his book **The Message of the Bible.**

Workers from Arlington, Avondale, First, Livingston-Anderson, Riverside Park, Ortega and Southside churches took part in the retreat.

The retreat, first of its kind for Methodists in Florida, was initiated by the Rev. W. S. Symons, minister of education at First Church.

3 Sharing Projects Suggested for VCS

Suggested sharing projects for Vacation Church School this year will aid children in Africa and several Asian nations.

Mrs. Margaret Hollis, conference director of children's work, outlined the following projects:

(1) Money to make possible pictures illustrating Bible stories, drawn by native artists in Malaya, Africa and India in such a way that the people of those countries can best understand them.

(2) Scholarships for children in Hong Kong and Korea. Many youngsters, some children of native preachers and church workers, cannot afford to attend school without additional support.

(3) Books for Korea and Hong Kong. Many Methodist schools do not have enough books to meet the needs of boys and girls who have learned how to read.

Money for these projects may be sent to the Department of Christian Education, The Methodist Church, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

Martin Luther King To Appear on Program

The Rev. Martin Luther King, Negro integration leader, will be featured at the Second Methodist Conference on Human Relations, Aug. 26-30, in Chicago. The gathering will seek to learn how best to develop racial inclusiveness in the Methodist Church.

Other featured speakers will include Cliff (Baldi) Baldowski, editorial cartoonist for the **Atlanta Constitution;** Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of Des Moines, Iowa, and Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles.

Grocery Beer Ban Bill Rejected, 7-3

The Temperance Committee of the Florida House of Representatives scuttled a bill which would have banned sale of beer and wine in grocery stores by a 7-3 vote.

At a public hearing prior to the vote, the bill was described as one effective means of controling sale of alcoholic beverages to minors by the Rev. Jack Eppes, executive secretary of United Christian Action.

Three of the legislators voting against the bill maintained they had received "abusive mail" on the issue. The bill was the subject of an unprecedented volume of mail, according to Mr. Eppes, chiefly from church members seeking passage of the measure.

Voting death to the bill were the following representatives: Harry Westberry of Leon, Ray Mattox of Polk, Jim Sweeny of Volusia, Emerson Allsworth of Glades, William Wadsworth of Flagler and John Crews of Baker.

Voting for the beer sales restriction were Reps. Leon McDonald of Suwannee, Maurice McLaughlin of Okaloosa, and Ben Whitfield of Taylor.

Is This Your Church?

A group of churches in New York state did a survey among 1,000 inactive church members—teenagers and young adults—to find out why they had dropped out of church.

The predominant findings:

—The Church does not make religion come alive to me.

—It fails to help me grow spiritually.

—The Church does not make clear to me what it stands for.

—I really don't feel a need for the Church.

Clare Cotton Heads 'Dry' Forces in Polk

The Rev. C. M. Cotton, pastor of First Church, Lakeland, will lead the drive to keep liquor sales from Polk County in his capacity as chairman of the Polk County Christian Action League.

Polk County "wets" have received sufficient petitions to force a vote at the polls on the issue for the 14th time—in all 13 previous times the citizens of Polk have voted against wide open liquor sales — always by close margins.

Leading the "wet" forces this time is Dick Pope, Sr., owner of Cypress Gardens. A vote on the issue will be held May 21.

Vacation Church School Pennies Buy Bibles

Contributions from Vacation Church Schools in 1962 enabled the American Bible Society to distribute scriptures costing more than $125,000.

"In giving their pennies, sometimes going without candy or toys so other boys and girls in other lands can have the Bible, the children themselves have gained a greater understanding and appreciation of the value of the scriptures," said the Rev. James Z. Nettinga, society secretary.

Home Worship Stressed During Family Week

Thousands of churches in the U.S. and Canada will observe Christian Family Week, May 5-12, in special interchurch and community programs of worship, study and education.

The 22nd annual observance of the week, also known as National Family Week, will stress the theme "When Your Family Worships God Every Day."

Ministerial Exchanges

Some ministerial possibilities in the Bahamas and in Canada are open this summer, according to the Rev. Ralph B. Huston, pastor of First Church, South Miami.

A three-month term of service in the Bahamas may also be worked out for a minister who is retired or otherwise available, Mr. Huston added.

Those interested in such summer exchanges in the Bahamas as part of the World Methodist Council program or who may be interested in vacation exchanges or term work may contact Mr. Huston at P.O. Box 698, South Miami 43, Florida.

There is a tendency today to believe that the spoken word is not so necessary and that the testimony of our lives is the main thing. There is an element of truth in such a statement but also a fallacy. The truth is that where faith is not lived, words are empty of meaning and the world will judge Christians not on their speeches but on their deeds. This fallacy is that our deeds alone cannot reveal the facts on which our faith is based. News has to be told in order to be known.

The Christian faith rests on an event: God has entered the history of mankind and changed its course. Jesus Christ has died on a cross and is risen from the dead so that in him we may have life. The first step of the newborn Church was proclamation. And this proclamation must go on until all men have heard what was done for them, once for all, 19 centuries ago . . .

The preacher in his pulpit faces the problem that most of the time he will reach only the already convinced. The great flow of the world passes near his church but never enters. And often, if the man on the street entered, the language he would hear would remain foreign to him. This is why, in recent years, more and more stress has been laid on the fact that the missionary task of the Church is the responsibility of the whole Christian community and of every one of its members.

—Suzanne de Dietrich,
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Many who have found faith have forgotten they were once seekers.

—Bishop Odd Hagen

Goodwill Industries Employ Over 500 Handicapped Workers in Florida

As Goodwill Industries Month celebrated this May, more than 0 handicapped or aged persons e thankful for the hire-the-ndicapped organization that s four "branches" in Florida.

The largest Florida Goodwill is St. Petersburg, employing 280 ndicapped men and women. her Florida Goodwills are at ami, 125 employes; Jackson-le, 85 employes, and Orlando, employes.

Two of the four Florida Good-ll executive directors are or-ined Methodist ministers—The v. R. C. (Bob) Adair at St. Pe-sburg, and the Rev. C. B. Cal-vay at Orlando. Director at cksonville is Robert Heath; at ami, George Dauth.

The Jacksonville unit is the old-, dating back to 1940. Mr. Adair nt to St. Petersburg in 1954 m St. Louis to organize the ncoast Goodwill there. In 1959 an area Goodwill leader, he s instrumental in organizing Miami Goodwill, and in 1962 Orlando hire-the-handicap-l organization.

Mr. Adair is presently engaged spearheading a Chattahoochee ley Goodwill in Columbus, Ga.. ich has raised the necessary ,000 to get a unit started.

The Goodwill Industries in 126 S. cities emphasize the spiritual ect of daily life, preceding ir work days with chapel vices.

he St. Petersburg Goodwill ns to add a new building to plant this summer which will include the Ted C. Brown Memorial Chapel, in memory of the late active layman of Pasadena Community Church and former Suncoast Goodwill president.

Out of the familiar Goodwill bags come tumbling old clothes, which workers at the Suncoast Goodwill Industries in St. Petersburg will recondition.

The new unit also will contain a cafeteria in memory of the late Ruel B. Gilbert, St. Petersburg philanthropist, who was a prominent member of First Methodist Church of that city.

In Orlando, Mr. Callaway reports that a $100,000 drive is planned during August 5-August 17. He added that sales are up substantially from a year ago and that a recent Boy Scout Drive in five areas produced 14,000 bags of used articles for repair and resale. Similar drives along the coastal communities in East Central Florida will be May 4-11.

The rehabilitated clothes will provide dollars with which Goodwill can pay its handicapped workers, giving them "not charity but a chance."

GOODWILL RUNS IN THE FAMILY

Eighty-five years of work on behalf of handicapped people is represented by a three-generation team at Goodwill Industries in St. Petersburg.

The Rev. R. C. Adair is executive director of Goodwill-Suncoast. His father, the Rev. Ross W. Adair, is chaplain; and his son, Jim, is public relations director. The elder Mr. Adair, 86, has been a Goodwill worker for 45 consecutive years.

Educational Workers Pledge Not To Drink

The commission on education at Manatee Church, Bradenton, recently passed a resolution requesting each of the members of the commission and all of the educational workers in the church to sign a statement that they would abstain totally from the use of alcoholic beverages.

The workers also agreed that they would use their influence to urge total abstinence in their classes and elsewhere in their daily contacts.

The Rev. Frank Robinson, Jr., pastor, reports that the church has presently 41 educational workers — and all 41 have signed the statement.

The Upward Call

(Florida Methodism's Witness of the Spirit)

(Editor's Note—From time to time as we report the news of Florida Methodism, we fear we place too much emphasis upon temporal things—buildings, budgets and concerns of the moment. We do this partly through a sense of mission—our church provides other publications, such as The Upper Room, for those seeking spiritual enrichment. And yet, now and then we feel constrained to serve as an outlet for those who have written us with a burden on their heart; those who wish to share a poem or a thought with an eternal message. For this reason we are inaugurating a new feature, 'The Upward Call', which will appear on a periodic basis.)

'OUR LORD OR OUR LIVELIHOOD'

Our Lord or Our Livelihood—which will it be? When it becomes necessary to ask ourselves this question, something is wrong! How many of us who are gainfully employed become so engrossed in the work we are paid to do that we forget that upon joining the church we dedicated our lives to God? We rush about, seemingly unaware of the presence of God and the Son He gave for love of us. We do not speak of Him to those whose lives we touch. We literally throw our all into the earning of the material possessions which, through clever advertising, we are led to believe we cannot do without.

My dear friends, the only thing we cannot do without is the saving grace of Jesus Christ. He died on the cross of Calvary for the sins we had not yet committed just because He loved us so much. It seems incredible that we could be hesitant to speak of someone who loved us enough to go through such agony. We, as Christians—knowing that Jesus lives today as always—should tell the world about it.

As a friend once said to me: "We can never speak of Jesus to the wrong person." Each person will react differently if we speak His name, but everyone needs to know the glory of His wonderful love. Each person we meet anywhere, anytime, presents a new opportunity to the Christian; the paper boy, the crippled girl across the street, the laundress, the elevator girl, the colored porter, the sales girl, and especially the neighborhood rowdy. They all present a challenge and we should be continually on the alert for ways of reaching them.

Anything we say to a new acquaintance regarding our religious convictions, whether that person agrees with us or not, will outlive any other part of the conversation.

Let us become so dedicated to God that there will be no dividing line between our witness on Sunday and the rest of the days of the week. Instead there should be a continuation throughout our daily lives of the inspiration we receive in Sunday school and church. We should give more of our being to our Lord than we do to our livelihood.

—Roberta Lunkenheimer
Miami

Charles Hutchins, pastor, (kneeling) and J. C. Fox, custodian, put on finishing touches to Interbay Church, Tampa, in preparation for a visit by D. Stewart Patterson, general secretary of the Commission on Camp Activities.

Work with Servicemen In Florida Inspected

D. Stewart Patterson, genera secretary of the Commission or Camp Activities, is touring Florida from April 25 to May 9.

On April 25 he spoke at a De Land District Methodist Men's meeting in St. Augustine. On Sunday morning, April 28, he spoke at Interbay Church, Tampa.

He will speak at First Church Daytona Beach, on May 5 and will discuss camp activities work in the Jacksonville area with the Rev. J. M. McLeod, district superintendent, on May 9.

Tentative plans also call for him to visit the churches in Sanford.

Florida Missionary in Peru Reports Success in Evangelistic Campaign

A Florida missionary family and a Jacksonville church combined efforts recently to spur an evangelistic campaign in Peru.

In a recent letter, the Rev. Dick Petry reported:

"In our La Victoria Church there was a recognized spiritual need within this inter-city congregation which prompted the plans to evangelize among our present membership, and seek new converts in the 'conspiciously barren areas' close to the church.

"The commission on evangelism prayed for a revival, but felt it had to begin with us. As we were led in the choice of the evangelists, we made plans for a prayer vigil which had not been done for many years. God's presence worked mightily among us as we sang and prayed and testified during five consecutive hours. Over 85 of our members shared during the entire service which terminated with great joy in our hearts at 1 p.m.

"With tracts and portions that came from Glynlea Methodist Church in Jacksonville, sent through the United Bible Society, and with the cooperation of the Pocket Testament League, we went from door to door—around all the blocks nearest the church giving out the tracts and gospel portions and inviting folks to share with us during our evangelistic campaign.

"The response was great and God opened the way. During the five nights of the campaign, 29 people made a definite and earnest commitment to accept Jesus Christ in their hearts by faith unto salvation. It has been a great experience for all of us . . ."

AT DAYTONA BEACH—

Mission to Vacationing College Students Termed 'Success'

The Methodist General Board of Evangelism project in which nationally known athletes and musicians witnessed for Christ and also entertained thousands of college students vacationing at Daytona Beach was "very much" a success.

The Rev. Ed Beck, Nashville, director of the project, said he hopes a similar effort can be made next year.

The project or mission was conducted April 9-12, during Holy Week. An estimated 30,000 students were there during that period.

Each afternoon, a total of 18 athletes and musicians went up and down the beach on two trucks, one called All-American Caravan and the other Jazz Limited. They stopped periodically for about 20 minutes, and crowds varying from approximately 200 to 2,000 students gathered. Presentations included entertainment, athletic demonstrations, and witnessing for Christ through short talks, question-and-answer sessions, and individual conversations.

The group also presented two night programs, one attended by an estimated 3,500 and the other by about 7,000, said Mr. Beck.

Members of the group witnessed in other ways, as a team and as individuals.

"Many students made definite commitments to Christ in individual conversations with group members," said Mr. Beck.

"I doubt that there was any person who didn't realize why we were there," he said. "We were all over that beach, and over and over again we emphasized what this Holy Week meant to us and that we were there to share with them."

"At no time were we negative," he said. "We didn't say no, no, no! We tried to make a positive witness for Christ and point to the best that life has to give."

The athletes and musicians gave a week of their time without pay to participate in the mission. They went at the invitation of the Daytona Beach ministerial association, city council, and junior chamber of commerce, and Bishop Henley.

Bishop Henley leads the benediction following the cornerstone laying at First Church, Zephyrhills.

Cornerstone Services Held at Zephyrhills

Bishop Henley officiated at the cornerstone laying of the sanctuary of First Church, Zephyrhills, on March 31, attended by more than 600 members and friends of the church.

The new $175,000 building has a dozen stained glass windows being provided by K. J. Mueller Studios, Zephyrhills, that will depict "The Life of Christ."

Assisting Bishop Henley during the service were the Rev. John J. Cooks, district superintendent; the Rev. Henry L. Kinnard, Jr., pastor; and the Rev. Fred Spencer, assistant pastor.

Mr. Kinnard made special recognition of the presence at the ceremony of I. A. Krusen, cattleman and rancher who has been convalescing from a heart attack.

"It was the initial gift to our building fund by Mr. and Mrs. Krusen that challenged us all toward the realization of this dream—our new sanctuary," he said.

Mr. and Mrs. Krusen stayed in their car, parked in front of the construction project, and the congregation parted to form an isle through which the Krusens could view the ceremonies.

The sanctuary features high contour ceilings, bone-white walls supported by seven-foot white wainscoating, white pews with fruitwood tops, gold cushions and gold carpeting.

Ministerial Student Receives $1,000 Award

A Methodist ministerial student from Gainesville has been chosen to receive one of this year's Baker awards from the Board of Education, providing $1,000 for graduate study in Europe.

T. Walter Herbert, Jr., a member of First Church, Gainesville, hopes to study at the University of Goettingen or the University of Heidelberg, both in Germany. He has a bachelor of arts degree from Harvard and expects to receive a bachelor of divinity degree in May from Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

The purpose of the award is to train persons for professional leadership in Wesley Foundations. They are given annually in honor of retired Methodist Bishop James C. Baker of California, who organized the first Wesley Foundation at University of Illinois in 1913.

'motive' Receives Award For Graphic Excellence

The Methodist Church's magazine for college students, **motive,** has received from the Associated Church Press an Award of Merit "in recognition of excellence in graphical appeal."

The award was presented to the Rev. B. J. Stiles, Nashville, **motive** editor, at the ACP annual meeting in Nashville April 3-5. Though other awards were presented, this was the only one "for publications using unique and effective layout and typography."

CORNERSTONE SERVICE HELD—

Frostproof Church Completes New Sanctuary

Interior view of the new Frostproof sanctuary during service preceding cornerstone laying.

The cornerstone service for the new sanctuary of First Church, Frostproof, was conducted on March 17 by Bishop Henley, the Rev. John J. Rooks, Lakeland District superintendent, and the Rev. Ed Dinkins, pastor.

The first worship service was held in the sanctuary one week earlier with temporary seating. The new pews and carpet were installed during the week prior to the cornerstone service.

The $200,000 sanctuary is of Gothic style and has a seating capacity of nearly 500, including space available in the chapel, an overflow and the balcony.

A near-capacity congregation attended the first service in which the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dinkins, Linda Lee, and the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Byrd, Timothy Alan, were baptized.

The sanctuary is the second phase of a long-range building program launched by the congregation in 1958. Yet to be completed are covered walkways and finishing of the second floor classroom area. Total debt on the entire $310,000 plant is approximately $60,000, most of it underwritten by pledges.

Stained glass windows from the old sanctuary were reworked and placed in the new one. Others will be added when funds are available. Two large 17-foot windows have been given as memorials and will be installed around Mother's Day.

IN DAYTONA BEACH—

Mother Hunt's Orphanage Has Goodness Like Bread and Milk

Last June the Florida Conference voted to join with its counterpart in the Central Jurisdiction in taking over the operation of Mother Hunt's Orphanage in Daytona Beach, a home for Negro children.

The conference supports the home through a portion of the Fifth Sunday offerings for the Florida Methodist Children's Homes. In order that Methodists throughout Florida will know more about the home, we are including excerpts from an article about it which appeared in the **Daytona Beach News-Journal:**

"Mother Hunt's Orphanage has a goodness like bread and milk.

"Not bread and water, jail style. Not cake and cream, fancy type Just bread and milk. The staff of life, coupled with love. Father and mother substitute.

"If you know guests are coming, you can dust under the rugs, polish the silver, and dress the family in their 'Sunday go to meetings'.

"But one thing you can't do—scrub happiness on the children's faces. Either it's there anyway, or it isn't.

"Walk into Mother Hunt's Orphanage, 828 Cypress St., even if they don't know you're coming and you'll find 21 youngsters with the radiant, secure look of happiness.

"They might not have on their Sunday meeting clothes. And there's precious little, if any, silver in the Home to polish. But the children's faces shine with happiness. After all, that's what really counts.

"Mrs. Sarah Hunt started something remarkable here nearly three score years ago. It's something that now a small amount of Methodist Church affiliation money, a bit of county and city funds, and chiefly your United Fund dollars support.

"If the Home is short in financial backing, somehow you know when you visit there, that it's surely 'long' in another direction. Call it love and understanding, threadbare cleanliness and goodwill, warmth, children, bread and milk. It all adds up finally to home . . .

"The story is now almost legendary of the childless homesteader, midwife and farmer's wife, Sarah Hunt, who opened her home and her heart to homeless children back in 1905.

"Today, the orphanage is the only licensed Negro child caring home in the state.

"As a result, children presently living here come from seven neighboring counties. And there are 30 more on an ever increasing waiting list.

"The Mother Hunt children are not all orphans, however. They represent the flotsam of families wrecked by divorce, alcohol and dire poverty.

"Their ages range in that always unfortunate six to 17-year-old category. Too old to be appealing enough for adoption. Too young to be able to take on the World by themselves."

aul Wagner Announces e Will Leave Pastorate

The Rev. Paul J. Wagner, pastor the 2,400-member Palma Ceia urch in Tampa, has announced at he will leave the pastorate June and assume the voluntary ation relationship in the Methist Church.

Contrary to first published rerts of his action, Mr. Wagner d it stemmed from personal asons and did not arise out of y friction over his possible resignment at Annual Conference.

The minister, who organized lma Ceia Church 17 years ago, d he had decided to leave the storate while he was still young ough to pursue another career jective.

He said his action was not in otest.

"I love the church. I love Bishop nley. He has been more than nd to me," Mr. Wagner said.

"My faith has never been firm-," he added. "I just came to a cision about my own future."

EDUCATIONAL UNIT (RIGHT) IN BRADENTON

Christ Church, Bradenton, Begins New Unit

Christ Church, Bradenton, broke ground on a new educational building on Easter Sunday. Guest preacher was the Rev. H. H. Waller, Sarasota District superintendent.

The building includes 11 classrooms, which will be completely air-conditioned and will have carpeted floors in the children's rooms. The classroom building is part of a long-range program of expansion for Christ Church, which includes the addition of a new sanctuary in the future.

The Rev. Richard Wilson, pastor, noted that on Easter Sunday five years ago the church broke ground on its present building.

Guests for the groundbreaking ceremonies include the Rev. Neil H. Peterson, first pastor; the Rev. Richard Howe, second pastor; and the Rev. Otto Horsley, who served as an interim pastor.

A Parson's Life — Florida Style

There was once a young man who revered Methodist PARSONS ove all. This was what he wanted with all his heart to be. So he nt to a WISE old minister who told him these things:

"Son," he said, "you must be of STERLING character, and LILLYHITE. You must be a WITT — a very WISEMAN you will one day be. ith SWEAT and THRIFT, and work and MOORE work you will beme a fine minister. But, mind you, good ones are FEW and FARR tween.

"There will never be BANKS full of DOUGH, and maybe not a REWS to ENGLAND, nor to the FOUNTAIN in Rome to toss in your ree coins (two NICHOLS and a PENNEY), nor probably a POOLE in ur yard, but great will be your rewards. In time you may be a good ASS FISHER, or a HUNTER of FOX, or a RIDER, and the relaxation these is without PRICE. No, son, you won't accumuLAITE much in aterial GAINES, but HOWE many your spiritual rewards!

"Now, son you know you can't be a CROOK, nor ROBB, nor GAMLL at all. Your CARRs may be ALFORDs, but this will have to be. I n't mean you must go out in WRAGGs, but your wife may not have PELT!

'And speaking of wife — why, you're single, son. In your HALLs-ofEY days, I suppose you'll find a pretty lass. Be sure she can COOKE, d make good COFFEE — she'll be right up your ALLEY. See that e has a level HEAD, can maybe write an Easter PADGETT, can be ARBER for the boys that will come, and can outlast the KNOX she ay get — she'll be a WENNER. After you've know her a few WEEKS, ke her out one MUNDY KNIGHT or any KNIGHT, down winding IODES, to one of the bubbly BROOKS by an old BURCH tree, seat r on a ROCK, and NEEL to her and say, 'I COTTON to you, BELL; u're a RAY of light in my life. Will you be a PARSON'S wife?' She'll y, "I love you MOORE than life itSELPH, and I'll grow WHITEHEADed th you.'

"You'll have LOWE days, but there will be great days together. ere is nothing BOREN about life in a parsonage—but when the NSMORE than you can take, go out on a HILL somewhere and ILL to thank God for your blessed life."

(Editor's Note—The above exercise in punning, using names of any ministers in the Florida Conference, was written by Iris Edards, wife of the Rev. Walter D. Edwards, pastor of Grace Church, est Palm Beach).

Pastor's Son Wins Honor Scholarship

A Florida minister's son is among seven outstanding high school seniors who will receive Trustee Honor Scholarships ranging from $1,000 to $1,500 per year at Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va.

George L. Harper, Jr., son of the Rev. and Mrs. George L. Harper of Seminole Heights Church, Tampa, is one of three Florida students receiving these awards. The other two are Robert M. Hunter, West Palm Beach, and John C. Mayer, Sarasota.

Great Problems Facing Society Are Spiritual

"The great problems of modern society are not economic, scientific or political — but are religious and spiritual, according to Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Los Angeles.

"Five nations lead the world in alcoholism, a high divorce rate, juvenile delinquency and mental illness. These are the United States, Switzerland, Britain, Denmark and France," he said.

ARE YOUNG PEOPLE OUR PROBLEM?

A recent bulletin from Kendall Church, Miami, refuted the contention that today's young people do not take an interest in the church. Citing attendance at a Sunday evening service, the Rev. Fred E. Stinson, pastor, noted that the young people outnumbered the adults.

COLEMAN HOLDS DEDICATION SERVICE

Coleman Church in the Lakeland District held a dedication service Palm Sunday when a new pulpit scarf and a number of other items were presented to the church by the friends of Louis S. Torok from a memorial fund.

. . . at Fruitland Park

EDUCATIONAL UNIT UNDERWAY

Community Church, Fruitland Park, held groundbreaking services recently for a new $23,850 educational building to house nine new classrooms and office space. Among the participants were (from left): The Rev. John J. Rooks, Lakeland District superintendent; the Rev. Huie Holloway, pastor; Kenneth Galbreath, chairman of the official board and of the building committee; William Rast, church treasurer and building committee member; and C. T. Gribbard, committee member.

MEANINGFUL COMMUNION SERVICE

Fifty persons attended an especially meaningful Maundy Thursday Communion Service at First Church, Starke. Each person was seated around a table while partaking of the elements. A vacant chair at the table represented the unseen presence of Christ.

OBSERVES 70th ANNIVERSARY

Miami's oldest church—Grace Methodist—observed its 70th anniversary during April. The church was founded in a sponge warehouse with 40 worshipers from among the 1,147 persons who lived in an area which now comprises Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties. The church has been through three buildings but still has the "pulpit" that sailed the seven seas." The pulpit was made for the firs church from a piece of mahogany driftwood fron a wrecked ship.

. . . At Lake City

CHURCH BEGINS FIRST UNIT

Wesley Church, Lake City, broke ground on March 17 on a first unit which will be used as a social hall and temporary sanctuary. The $55,000 structure will also house classrooms and an office. The Rev. J. E. McKinley, Gainesville District superintendent, turned the first spadeful. Others taking part in the ceremony (from left) were Mrs. J. C. Dean, chairman of the commission on education; the Rev. M. M. Meredith, pastor of First Church, Lake City, the sponsoring church; the Rev. E. B. Luttrell, pastor; George W. Ferree, A. C. Scofield and J. T. Lipscomb, all members of the building committee. The church was organized Oct. 9, 1960. It now has 118 members.

. . . At Eau Gallie

ST. PAUL'S HOLDS GROUNDBREAKING

More than 500 persons were present for groundbreaking ceremonies at St. Paul's Church, Eau Gallie, on the first half of a $400,000 educational building. When completed the building will provide new facilities for all classes, transepts on the present sanctuary, library, choir room, offices and pastor's study, chapel, kitchen, fellowship hall and recreational area. Pictured above (from left) are Vernon Dicks, chairman of the building committee; Mrs. J. A. Seawright, a member of the church for more than 60 years; and the Rev. Jimmy Jones, pastor.

WHY I AM A DEACONESS—

Full-Time Church Worker Finds New Opportunities for Service

(Editor's Note—The deaconess movement in the Methodist Church s observing its 75th Anniversary Year during 1963. Three years ago he Florida Methodist ran a series of "Why I Am A Deaconess" testimonies from several deaconesses in Florida. To assist our readers in knowing more about the movement and in hopes of interesting more oung women in becoming a deaconess, we are resuming the series.)

By MARGARET FIELD

My decision to apply for the leaconess relationship was born nly after years of church-reated employment.

I grew up in a fine Presbyterian ome, and it wasn't really a surrise to any one when, at the ery end of my college career, I lecided on full-time Christian ervice. Since I had planned on eaching, it was the most natural hing in the world to take gradate work in religious education.

As it happened, the position pen to me on graduation was n a community center under the Conference Woman's Home Misionary Society. I continued in imilar work for several years nd then became a house mother n a home for crippled children. Iere I became deeply interested n nursing, and subsequently atended the Yale University School f Nursing.

Even after becoming a nurse, t was some time before I reurned to the work of the Womn's Division — and even longer efore the challenge to become a eaconess stirred me. I think the eason was simply that, having rown up in another church, it ever seriously occurred to me hat I **could** become a deaconess.

I served in Seward General Iospital in Alaska, had another ear of graduate work, and then ame to Brewster Methodist Hosital in Jacksonville to be directr of patient care. In Jacksonville hree deaconess friends were intrumental in getting me to conider this possibility for my life. Along with their persuasion came ny attendance at the annual neeting of the Woman's Division t Buck Hill Falls. I was very nuch impressed at the service vhere the deaconess and missionry candidates were presented, nd secretly made up my mind hat I would soon belong to that umber. Another important facor in my decision was my con-

Margaret Field

nection with the work of the Wesleyan Service Guild. It seemed to me that all the programs pointed up the opportunities for Guilders as deaconesses, since the need is so urgent and most Guilders are already trained for some vocation. The message came to me ever more and more closely, and finally I answered.

There was no special experience of illumination or consecration. I merely realized that the church needed commissioned workers and I believed I possessed the qualifications. And, of course, there was the realization that I had long before given myself to God for His service.

My commissioning at the Atlantic City Assembly was one of the high points of my life. I shall never forget the solemn joy in my heart and the deep response of my soul as Bishop Raines placed his hands on my head.

Of course, I don't believe that being a deaconess is the only way to serve God. Nevertheless, I do believe it is a rewarding opportunity for Methodist women who possess the requisite qualities of body, mind, and spirit.

I wish now that I had become a deaconess years ago, since there was no question that I wanted to serve God through my vocations. I wish some one had said to me, years ago, "Why aren't you a deaconess?" (and then explained to me how I could qualify) just as some one once said to me, "Why aren't you a nurse?" That question changed my whole life.

I believe God has guided through all the changes and phases of my life. There is nothing spectacular about myself or my story; the only wonderful part is that God can take even the most unlikely people and make them witness for Him, doing His work in His way and drawing all men unto Him. That is the kind of witness I want to be.

Study Opposes Public Aid for Church Schools

A major study dealing with the traditional Protestant position opposing public support for church-related elementary and secondary schools has been published by the National Council of Churches.

Entitled "Public Funds for Parochial Schools?", it was commissioned by the council's Department of Religious Liberty and is described as a "forthright discussion of the Protestant view on one of the most controversial issues of this decade."

The 56-page booklet, heavily documented, concludes that the use of tax funds for religious schools should be opposed because:

(1) "It would undermine our historic ideal of separation of church and state;

(2) "It would violate both federal and state constitutions;"

(3) "It would severely damage, if not destroy, our public school system and our educational standards;"

(4) "It would accelerate the fragmentation of our society and particularly increase religious conflicts."

Florida Church Used To Illustrate Story

Pictures of Christ Church, Neptune Beach, are used to illustrate a story on new churches in the April issue of **World Outlook,** publication of the Board of Missions.

The pictures were taken at the same time that Christ Church was used to illustrate a film strip produced by the Board of Missions to illustrate steps in the formation of a new church.

Communists have Put Christians on Defensive--Laymon

Research for his latest book, **The Challenge of the Protestant Faith to Communism,** has led Dr. Charles M. Laymon of Florida Southern College to believe that communists around the world have put Christians on the defensive.

"In their outspoken claims and by sheer verbalizing, the communists have given the impression that they are the only ones who care about the downtrodden humanity of earth," said the head of the religion department at our conference's college.

His book was published last fall by Tidings Press of Nashville, Tenn.

"Just as in the political arena when the communists often move first and the free world respond with a countermove, so, also, in their propaganda concerning social injustice, they tend to cry aloud first and Christians respond with defense or denials," Mr. Laymon charged.

"Let us turn this around and engage in a Christian offensive for the truth . . . let us espouse action rather than reaction," he urged.

He added: "Both press and other news media are filled with disturbing reports on Berlin, South Viet Nam, Africa, Algeria, and Cuba. In addition, there are struggles within the communist camp itself, between Russia and China, for example.

Because communism is a philosophy as well as a political fact, he said, "Christianity can and does have something with which to meet it and supercede it . . . "

Dr. Charles M. Laymon displays new book, "The Challenge of the Protestant Faith to Communism."

Mr. Laymon warned that there can be no peace between Christianity and communism:

"Each is unreservedly opposed to what is regarded as basic in the other. Even though political accord may seem to be in the making at times, and even though the cold war may appear to be subsiding, agreement in regard to the fundamental ideas separating Christianity and communism can never be reached. Ideological matrimony between the two is impossible."

Mr. Laymon recommended that church members "strive to become vital Christians, be active in church work, support social justice and Christian education, be evangelistic and promote worldwide missionary efforts."

He concluded, "Our cause is greater than that of the communists. Our gospel is greater than theirs. But is our energetic and sacrificial support of missions greater than theirs as they seek to promote communism and make converts to the cause of the classless society? If not, why not?"

Hyde Park Leads Many To Enter Ministry

Hyde Park Church, Tampa, claims the unusual accomplishment of having five of its members in theological seminary at one time.

The young men are J. P. Floyd, Jr., and Lawrence McCleskey, Duke Divinity School; John Bickerstaff, Drew Theological Seminary; Virgil M. Newton III, Princeton Theological Seminary; and Bruce Stritter, Emory University School of Theology.

In addition, five other young men from Hyde Park Church are in college or high school, preparing for the ministry.

The church has a tradition for developing young men for the ministry. Among its "sons" are the Rev. Warren Willis, director of youth work for the Florida Conference; the Rev. Lloyd Knox, missionary in Argentina; Chaplain C. Mitchell Johnson, United States Army; the Rev. Paul Wagner, pastor of Palma Ceia Church, Tampa; and the Rev. Allan Stuart, pastor of First Church, Alachua.

Reason for the high number of ministers produced by Hyde Park Church, according to the Rev. Harold E. Buell, pastor, are: A fine youth program; interest and encouragement by the families; and emphasis on the challenge of the ministry by capable associate pastors and by the Rev. Laurie G. Ray during his 11 years as pastor of Hyde Park Church.

JUNALUSKA HOUSE FOR SALE

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Graduating Class Totals 299 at Florida Southern

Florida Southern College's graduating class, the largest in recent years, numbers 299 candidates for academic degrees at the 78th annual commencement convocation to be held May 13 at First Church, Lakeland.

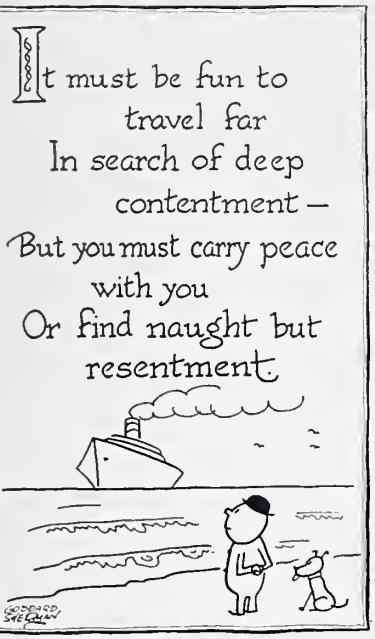
The baccalaureate service is scheduled for 4 p.m. May 12 at First Church with the Rev. Gaylon L. Howe, pastor of Riverside Park Church, Jacksonville, as the preacher.

Floridians in the graduating class number 218, while 81 students are from 20 other states and three foreign countries.

St. Cloud Pastor Ill

The Rev. Albert G. Stone, pastor of St. Cloud Methodist Church, has been ill for several weeks in Orange Memorial Hospital in Orlando. The Rev. Engene Fleury, associate pastor, has been carrying on his work. Mr. Fleury is a retired member of the Genesee Conference.

The Sunny Soul



Garber Now Heads Council of Bishops

Bishop Paul Neff Garber of Richmond, Va., is the new president of the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church. He was elected by his colleagues in their semi-annual meeting in San Francisco, Calif., April 16-18. Bishop Garber succeeds Bishop Marshall R. Reed of Detroit.

IT'S OUR TURN NOW

If the truth were known, almost every church in our conference has been the recipient — in an emergency or at some other time — of sacrificial gifts through the Board of Mission and Church Extension. It is our turn now to help struggling churches with our gifts to the Conference Loan Fund.

Let us make a determined effort during the closing weeks of this fiscal year to raise what we have promised toward the $2,400,000 Church Extension Campaign which comes to a close on May 31.

The heroic efforts and signal success of some of our congregations encourages me to challenge others to join them in a final victory march!

—Henry W. Blackburn
Executive Secretary
Church Extension

LETTER—

'Pretty Fair Record' of Attendance

Editor:

Thought I had a pretty fair record of attending Sunday school but your article in April 1 **Florida Methodist** put me in the shade. Mrs. Morgan not only has 44 years perfect attendance at Sunday school, but church attendance also! That is a wonderful record.

I only completed 44 years perfect Sunday school attendance in January of this year and have started on my 45th year. Have also been a teacher of a young men's class for the past 47 or 48 years at First Methodist Church of Fort Meade.

—A. L. Cleveland

Emory Awarded Grant For Planning Library

Emory University has been awarded a grant of $25,000 by the Division of Higher Education of the Methodist Church for use in planning a library for advanced studies.

Emory's Vice President Judson C. Ward said the library will be larger than the present main library because of the variety of its resources. It will accommodate 600,000 to one million volumes and will provide individual study spaces for some 800 persons.

Emory's present library collections have passed a total of 700,000 volumes, seriously overcrowding the Asa Griggs Candler Library which was opened in 1926 when collections totaled 60,000 volumes.

200,000 Viewers Watch Christian TV in Korea

Almost one year old, Christian television programming in Korea is attracting as many as 200,000 viewers a night and is opening to the churches a new means of presenting the Christian message to the non-Christian masses.

Korean Christians, who have been in the forefront in the use of mass communications media for presenting the Gospel, are developing plans for improving and expanding Christian TV programs. The Korean Methodist Church is one of the major denominations working in the field of TV through the Korea National Christian Council.

Former Refugee Takes Aid Post in Algeria

In 1953 Elias Timari came to America as a refugee from Palestine. His passage was paid by a loan from Church World Service.

The loan has long since repaid, but he acknowledged his debt to Church World Service in a more significant way on March 27 when he went to Algeria for the agency of the National Council of Churches to assist the Christian Committee for Service in Algeria.

He will join in the vast relief and rehabilitation efforts in the departments of Constantine and Batna, where Church World Service is aiding destitute victims of seven years of civil strife.

Books Close May 22

Acting Conference Treasurer Vance Jenkins announces that the books for the 1962-63 Conference Year will be closed at noon, May 22. All payments which go through the central treasurer's office must be received by that time if they are to be credted to this Conference Year.

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University Honors Retired Missionary

A New England Methodist minister now living in Florida, who retired in 1962 after 39 years of missionary service in Mozambique, has been awarded an "Alumni Citation of Honor" by Boston University.

The honor was bestowed on the Rev. Julian S. Rea, who now lives in Pine Hills—a suburb of Orlando.

Mr. Rea, who has been called a "one-man mission station," did agricultural, evangelistic, educational and administrative work in Mozambique from 1925 to 1962. He served his entire career at the large Methodist mission station of Kambini.

Children's Home Given More Jumbo Post Cards

J. M. Smedley, DeLand publisher, has again made jumbo size post cards of the Florida Methodist Children's Home available.

The cards are in beautiful natural color, showing a part of Lake Monroe and the spacious campus of the home as viewed from the air.

The cards will be distributed free of charge to persons visiting the home, to persons writing a request for one of them, and at the children's home display at Annual Conference.

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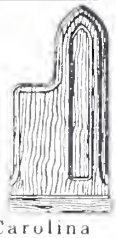

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Deaths

The Rev. John E. Ellis

The Rev. John E. Ellis, a retired Florida Conference minister, died April 9 in Toccoa, Ga. Mr. Ellis served several churches in Florida before his retirement in 1948. His brother, the Rev. Paul Ellis, also served in Florida for part of his ministry. Mr. Ellis served First Church, Lakeland (1934); First Church, Sarasota (1938); Tampa Heights (1941); Madison (1942); Frostproof (1944); and Havana (1945). His widow, Toccoa, Ga., is among his survivors.

Dr. G. I. Humphreys

Dr. Gideon Ireland Humphreys, 81, a leader in national Methodist circles and former college president, died April 5 in Gainesville, following a long illness. He moved to Gainesville in 1949 after retiring as president of High Point College, High Point, N. C. He was a member of the Uniting Conference of the three branches of the Methodist Church in 1939 and while at High Point College served as president of American Association of Methodist Universities and Colleges. During his retirement he taught the men's Bible class at First Church, Gainesville. Survivors who live in Florida include his widow, Mrs. Alma O. Humphreys; two sons, Curtis G. Humphreys, Tampa, and G. I. Humphreys, Pensacola; and one of his four daughters, Mrs. Howard Hendry, Neptune Beach.

The Rev. Charles S. Robinson

The Rev. Charles S. Robinson, 38, pastor of Interlachen Church in the Gainesville District, died April 12. He had served 14 years in the ministry, including three years in Florida. He served the Wellborn charge for two years prior to his appointment at Interlachen. He transferred to the Florida Conference in 1960 from West Virginia. He is survived by his widow of Interlachen, and three brothers, Excel, Hugh and Maynard Robinson, all of West Virginia.

The Rev. Roy L. Smith

The Rev. Roy L. Smith, 75, widely known Methodist minister and author of the Sunday school lesson printed in newspapers throughout the nation, died April 20 in San Bernandino, Calif. Mr. Smith wrote the lesson analysis for **The International Lesson Annual,** a commentary widely used by Methodist teachers in preparing lessons. He unquestionably had a stronger influence on adult Sunday school training than anyone else in the Methodist Church. He was editor of the **Christian Advocate** from 1940 until 1948 and was the author of a number of books and articles. He was a regular contributor to **Together** and **The Methodist Story.** He was guest evangelist for a district-wide Jacksonville evangelistic crusade in 1961. He was awarded an honorary degree by Florida Southern College in 1941.

Mrs. Eva Mae Rice

Mrs. Eva Mae Rice, 69, died April 1 in Ft. Lauderdale after an illness of several months. She was the wife of the Rev. Royal Rice, who is presently serving as associate pastor of Melrose Park Church. Mrs. Rice was graduated from Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky., with a degree in music—a talent which she used for the church as a labor of love. Since coming to Florida from the Baltimore Conference in 1950, her husband has served pastorates at St. Andrews, Fort Lauderdale; St. Paul's, Eau Gallie; and First Church, Punta Gorda. She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Lucille Ritter of Boston; two sisters, Miss Lucy Sageser and Mrs. Rachael Williams; and one brother, Eugene Sageser, all of Kentucky.

Mr. Jack H. Whittington

Mr. Jack H. Whittington, for nine years administrator of Brewster Methodist Hospital in Jacksonville, died in Ormond Beach April 4 after suffering a heart attack five days earlier. He and his wife and son, Matthew, moved to Ormond Beach in January, where he was administrator of Ormond Beach Memorial Hospital. A native of Louisiana, Mr. Whittington had an outstanding record of leadership in Jacksonville, the state, and numerous health-related organizations. Prior to moving to Ormond Beach he was on the board of stewards of First Church, Jacksonville. In Ormond Beach he was teacher of a newly organized adult class in the Sunday School. Before entering hospital work, he was employed by the YMCA and then as an industrial relations counselor for several large industrial firms.

IURCH and VORLD

By GEORGE HILL
Minister of World Affairs
Palma Ceia Church, Tampa

QUESTION — People who are cerned for world peace tend be highly individualistic. Have y managed to agree on com- n goals?

NSWER—There is, of course, official consensus. But I find following four aims showing in one form or other in most ponsible work for peace:

. World economic **development** diminish the gap between the n nations and the poor na- ns, preferably handled through ernational organizations to nimize cold-war pressures;

. **Disarmament,** safeguard inst significant violations;

. **Law,** probably through a ngthened United Nations;

Creative solutions for poten- trouble spots such as Berlin.

believe a great majority of American public would sup- t these aims if they under- d them. I would add another ht, the importance of which not yet been sufficiently rec- ized;

Facts and controversy, in- d of one-sided cold-war prop- nda, emphasized before the lic. This may well be the crit- point on which all others end.

CALENDAR

y 2—Commission on World Service Finance, Methodist Building, Lake- , 11 a.m.

y 3—Board of Hospital and Homes, odist Building, Lakeland, 1 p.m.

y 5-12—National Family Week.

y 12—Mother's Day.

y 14—Study Seminar, Wesley Foun- ns and Methodist Student Move- t, Methodist Building, Lakeland (all .

y 16—Curriculum Committee, Chil- 's Work, Methodist Building, Lake- (all day).

y 19—Ministry Sunday.

y 24—225th Anniversary of John ley's Aldersgate Experience.

y 26—World Service Sunday in the rch School.

y 26—Rural Life Sunday.

Methodist Radio Amateurs To Commemorate Wesley's Aldersgate Experience on May 24-26

Exactly 225 years to the hour after John Wesley's Aldersgate experience, the World Association of Methodist Radio Amateurs and Clubs will start its first activity weekend.

The program will begin at "a quarter before nine" the night of May 24 and continue through May 26, said the Rev. A. W. Shepherd of Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, England. He is the founder and secretary of the association.

It was about "a quarter before nine" the night of May 24, 1738, that Wesley, who later founded Methodism, felt his heart "strangely warmed" in a religious meeting on Aldersgate Street in London. This has been described as a spiritual rebirth experience for Wesley and a turning point in his life.

The plan of the activity program, said Mr. Shepherd, is to encourage Methodist radio amateurs throughout the world to establish in one weekend — "beginning at that historic time"— radio contact with each other for friendship and the sharing of personal interests.

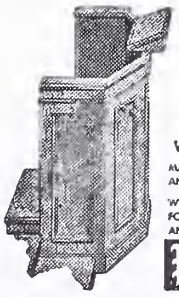
Mr. Shepherd said the World Association of Methodist Radio Amateurs and Clubs now has 120 members in 15 countries and has many more prospective members.

The organization was founded in 1957 in association with the World Methodist Council.

Deaths

The Rev. W. G. Strickland

The Rev. W. G. Strickland, 82, retired member of the Florida Conference, died April 16 in Tampa. He attended Seminole Heights Church there. During his 37 years of active service before his retirement in 1947, Mr. Strickland served churches in Myakka (1910), Fort Ogden (1913), Haines City (1915), Leon Circuit (1916), East Madison (1920), Bowling Green (1921), Fernandina (1922), Highland Avenue, Tampa (1925), Avon Park (1927), Groveland (1928), Bunnell (1929), Sebastian (1930), Eighth Avenue, Tampa (1931), Trilby (1932), Macclenny (1935), Hawthorne (1935), Pinecastle (1937), Crescent City (1940), Dunnellon (1941), Seville - Pierson (1944), and Bronson - Archer (1946). Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Bessie Strickland, Tampa; three sons, J. W. Strickland, Columbus, Ga.; W. G. Strickland, Jr., Bartow; and Candler Strickland, Orlando; two daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Waters, Inverness, and Mrs. Mary Jordan, Tampa; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



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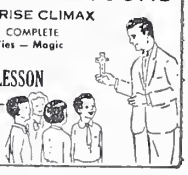

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Approximately 125 of the state's top political leaders and 95 pastors and other religious leaders took par in the Legislators and Pastor's Prayer Breakfast held on the campus of Florida State University by Unite Christian Action. Among the Methodists on the program were (from left): The Rev. Donald M. McKay president of Alcohol-Narcotics Education, Inc.; State Representative Robert Mann, Tampa; and Go Farris Bryant.

TAMPA CHURCH SALUTES—

'First Lady of First Methodist'

"First Lady of First Methodist, we salute you! We thank God for you!"

On March 17 at the 10:50 a.m. service, the Rev. W. S. Bozeman, pastor of First Church, Tampa, read a letter of appreciation to Mrs. R. G. (Miss Minnie) Albury.

He then asked the charge lay leader, Ralph Robison, to escort Mrs. Albury to the pulpit. Mr. Bozeman presented her the letter—with a kiss. Mr. Robison gave her a check from the church—with a kiss. Mrs. F. L. Brock, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, kissed her and pinned on her dress a lovely white orchid . . . The Rev. John Simon presented her with an electric coffee maker from the staff—and a kiss.

Such is the endearment and esteem which members of the church hold for Mrs. Albury, 82, who joined the church in 1891 and who has worked in many capacities as a member of the church staff.

In 1949 she first began to work in the church office as church visitor, when the Rev. E. J. Pendergrass was minister. Then she sold her little car and retired.

In 1950 and 1952 she took trips abroad, sending letters home so members of the congregation could get a glimpse of the world through her eyes. In 1956 she returned to the church office as financial secretary, under the pastorate of the Rev. M. C. Cleveland.

She has also taught in the primary department, junior department, high school department and adult department; served on the official board and various commissions; served as president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; held WSCS district offices; organized a unit of the Wesleyan Service Guild, which is named the Minnie Albury Guild.

But that's not all. The letter of appreciation continues:

"You have made speeches, cooked meals, washed dishes, held babies, answered phones—anything that needed doing at First Church—you have done it."

'Power' Uses Meditations Of 7 Florida Pastors

The April-May-June issue of **Power,** devotional guide for youth, includes meditations written by seven Florida Methodist ministers—John Hanger, George Wiseman, Gary Buhl, Melton Ware, Albert Rowell, George Hill and J. P. Floyd.

The interdenominational publication of the United Christian Youth Movement used devotionals which originally appeared in the booklet, **At Noon of Day—Prayers for Peace,** published by Palma Ceia Church, Tampa.

Educational Directors Elect New Officers

Mrs. Julian Renfroe, director c Christian education at Par Temple Church, Fort Lauderdal was elected president of the Flor ida Conference Association of Di rectors of Christian Educatio and Education Assistants, meet ing in Orlando, April 16-18.

Howard E. Riley, Jr., Firs Church, Fort Pierce, was electe vice president, and Miss Louis Kerley, Melrose Park Church, Fo Lauderdale, secretary-treasurer.

Workshop leader for the meet ing was the Rev. Sam Barefiel Nashville, associate director c audio-visual education for th General Board of Education, an the Rev. Jack Cook, faculty mem ber of the religion department a Florida Southern College.

Miller Praises Spirit of Pope's Encyclical

The president of the Nationa Council of Churches has release a statement commenting on ma jor points of the Encyclica "Peace on Earth," issued by Po John on Maundy Thursday, Ap 11.

Hailing the spirit in which th Encyclical was issued, J. Irwi Miller, Columbus, Ind., industria ist, declared:

"We are gratified at the grov ing areas of agreement amo leaders and people of the Jude Christian heritage and of oth religious faiths on basic matte affecting the peace of the wor and the well-being of God's who human family."

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The Bishop Calls—

Dear Friends:

At the time of this writing it is five weeks until Annual Conference. I have just completed tabulating the reports from our 11 districts on our accessions and our losses in membership from last June through Easter this year. These records reveal that we have had a total net increase of 10,385 members. This seems to indicate that our final report for the Conference Year 1962-63 will be above our increase for 1961-62.

I am profoundly grateful for the spirit of cooperation which has been manifested throughout the conference this year in the field of evangelism. Our ministers have not only been engaged in the promotion of evangelistic efforts with their own congregations, but have given generously of their time and talents to the New Life services in the congregations served by their brethren. This inter-change of pulpits has been wholesome in many aspects. Our Methodist people have been enabled to hear and to know pastors from other sections of the state. Ministers have had privilege of working closely with their brethren. And throughout the conference there has been experienced a spirit of unity in the effort to extend the work of the Kingdom.

I had a very delightful day on Sunday, April 28. In the morning the new chapel at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, was dedicated. This exquisite building is intriguing in its symbolism and worshipful in atmosphere. Brother Paul Hortin and his associates have given a tremendous amount of time and thought in consultation with their architect, and the end result is a chapel for which the entire conference can be grateful.

On that same Sunday afternoon I had the pleasure of presiding at the consecration service of the new sanctuary of Methodist Temple, Lakeland. Brother John Hunt and his people have dreamed of this lovely building for three years. I am sure they experienced the same deep satisfaction that I felt over the results of their labors. This young congregation has been fortunate in its ministerial and lay leadership. The result — it has grown steadily and gives promise of continuing expansion.

You will be interested in knowing that the Cuba Annual Conference will meet in Havana June 25-26. I am receiving regular reports on the faithful work being done by our brethren there. They merit our prayers and our continuing support.

The Conference Year is speedily coming to a close. The Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service has just concluded at Daytona Beach. I had the privilege of speaking at their opening session. How many women there were present, I don't know. Everyone was present who could be accommodated in Community Methodist Church. It looked to me like 10,000 to 12,000!

All ministers and church treasurers are urged to remit every possible contributions on Advance Specials immediately. Our benevolent giving sustains the far flung missionary enterprises of the church.

Blessings on you all. I look forward to seeing all ministers and lay delegates in Lakeland on June 4.

Sincerely,

JAMES W. HENLEY

JNE 4-8 IN LAKELAND—

)utstanding Speakers Selected for Annual Conference

Outstanding speakers, both layen and ministers, will be fearred at this year's Annual Conrence at First Church, Lakend, June 4-8.

The conference preacher will be e Rev. W. McFerrin Stowe, pasr of St. Luke's Methodist hurch, Oklahoma City. Mr. owe will deliver sermons beginning the morning sessions at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

Mr. Stowe will also deliver an address Thursday night as part of the program under the auspices of the Board of Evangelism.

The annual address on missions is scheduled Wednesday night with the Rev. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., associate general secretary of the Division of World Missions as the speaker.

Friday evening will be Layman's Night. Guest speaker for the program sponsored by the Board of Lay Activities will be Dr. Andrew D. Holt, president of the University of Tennessee.

Annual Conference will open at 9 a.m. Tuesday morning with an Episcopal Message by Bishop Henley. The conference memorial service will be held Tuesday night with the memorial address given by the Rev. Gaylon L. Howe, pastor of Riverside Park Church in Jacksonville.

A service of Holy Communion, administered by Bishop Henley and the district superintendents, will close the Tuesday evening program.

Wednesday afternoon will feature a service commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Deaconess Order and a guided tour of the Branscomb Memorial Auditorium, which is now under construction.

Friday morning will feature an address on "The Work of the Central Jurisdiction in Florida" by Bishop M. Lafayette Harris of the Atlantic Coast Area.

The conference will close at noon Saturday after the reading of the pastoral appointments by Bishop Henley.

LAYMEN'S RETREAT AT JUNALUSKA

URING JULY 25-28—

Laymen Urged: 'On To Junaluska'

Florida laymen — and their ves — are urged to make plans ow to attend the Methodist aymen's Conference at Lake naluska, N.C., on July 25-28.

An outstanding group of speaks has been assembled for this ar's conference — part of 50th nniversary Observance of the ethodist Assembly Grounds in e beautiful Blue Smoky Mounins.

J. M. (Joe) Smedley, DeLand, is rving as Junaluska attendance airman for the Florida Conferce. Information on transportaon and facilities may be obined by writing him at P.O. Box 95, DeLand, Florida.

Among the principal speakers the retreat will be Walter F. nderson, North Carolina Conrence lay leader and a speaker at Leesburg last fall; Charles Parlin, one of the six presidents of the World Council of Churches; J. Irvin Miller, president of the National Council of Churches; and Bishop Paul N. Garber, president of the Methodist Council of Bishops.

Floridians are among the leaders of the conference. Outlining the program at the start of the retreat will be R. H. Berg, Melbourne, conference lay leader and president of the General Board of Lay Activities, Glenn W. Draper, Miami, will lead the singing. Glenn W. Gold, Miami, will lead a "This is My Witness" period of brief testimonies.

A former Florida pastor, the Rev. Alvin B. Weston, who is now in Atlanta, will direct a 65-hour prayer vigil while the retreat is in progress.

Jacksonville Choirs To Join in Oratorio

A combined choir from all the Methodist churches in the Jacksonville District will present the oratorio, "The Invisible Fire," based on John Wesley's life and experience, at 8 p.m., May 25, at Riverside Park Church.

The Aldersgate Day celebration is conducted under the sponsorship of the Rev. J. Milburn McLeod, district superintendent, in cooperation with the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians.

Robert O. Hoffelt, Riverside Park Church, will direct the work. Mrs. Roselyn M. Langdale, Trinity Church, will serve as organist. Mrs. E. L. Kittell, Hendricks Memorial, will be the pianist.

Epworth Church, Orlando, moved into its new sanctuary on the first anniversary of its organization. Much of this achievement is due to the volunteer services of its congregation.

Epworth Church, Orlando, Celebrates 1st Anniversary With New Sanctuary

Just one year after the organization of Epworth Church, Orlando, the congregation held its first services in a lovely colonial sanctuary.

The speed in which the new congregation was able to erect a sanctuary was due in large part to the generous gift of the services of the contractor, Martin Gottlief, a member of the church, and hundreds of hours of donated labor by skilled workers in the church.

The donated labor, plus generous discounts of materials and equipment, enabled the church to construct and furnish the entire church plant for only $87,000, according to the Rev. Paul R. Bell.

The sanctuary was built on a three-acre site purchased by the Orlando District Board of Missions and deeded to the church. Epworth is located in Tangelo Park, near the Martin plant.

Mr. Bell reports that church membership is now 200 and that the church school is also that size. It has underwritten a $25,000 budget for the new Conference Year and will require no aid from the Board of Missions or Minimum Salary Fund.

New Approach Enlivens Quarterly Conference

Christ Church, Neptune Beach, took a new approach at its fourth quarterly conference to encourage greater participation by the congregation.

The evening began with a fellowship supper, followed by a brief concert by the carol and junior choirs, singing by the Beach Barbership Quartet, and then the conference.

The children and young people attended movies while the conference was in session. Only a resume of the customary reports was given orally, but the reports were printed in detail in a booklet handed those attending the conference.

Christ Church Dedicates New Chapel on April 28

Christ Church, St. Petersburg, dedicated its two-year-old chapel on April 28 and in so doing paid a special debt of gratitude to Mrs. Robert Stewart Forbes, who died at the age of 95 in 1956, for serving as the spark of its construction.

Mrs. Forbes, described as "Irish, witty, wise, thrifty, devout, grateful," was converted in Christ Church in 1918. She lived for five more years in St. Petersburg and then moved back to Detroit.

Through the next 30 years she never forgot the church of her conversion and contributed regularly to it. At her death she bequeathed the church $186,026.85 so that the chapel, classrooms and patio became possible.

This sum, plus bequeaths from others who remembered the church in their wills and many regular contributions, enabled the church to construct the three-purpose chapel, which seats 200.

The chapel is used for many of the church's worship services, as a theater for drama, and as a cinema for movies.

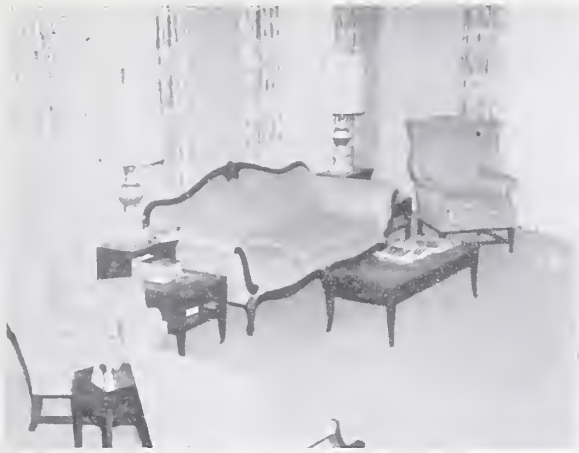
TWO ADDITIONS AT RIVERSIDE, MIAMI

Two 'Valuable Properties' Acquired

A belated news item from the Rev. Gordon Strickland, pastor of Riverside Church, Miami, proved so engaging that we are overlooking the time element. He reported two additions at the church, acquired last August:

"A parsonage—lovely CBS home, with foyer, living room, dining and family room kitchen, four bedrooms, three baths, tile patio, on a beautiful 140x150 corner lot.

"A PK (Preacher's Kid)—Gordon Mark, of unique and handsome design, pink and white with a surly red top, size 2x2, with room for further expansion."



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STATELY DINING ROOM

Quincy Pastor Lives in Historic 'Southern Mansion'

One of the most beautiful and storic Methodist parsonages in orida is an authentic Colonial-pe Southern mansion which rves as the home of the pastor First Church, Quincy.

The old home, rich in tradition id in excellent condition, was ilt some time between 1830 and 40 with slave labor. Documen-ry evidence of the old home's igin was destroyed in 1849 when e Gadsden County courthouse rned.

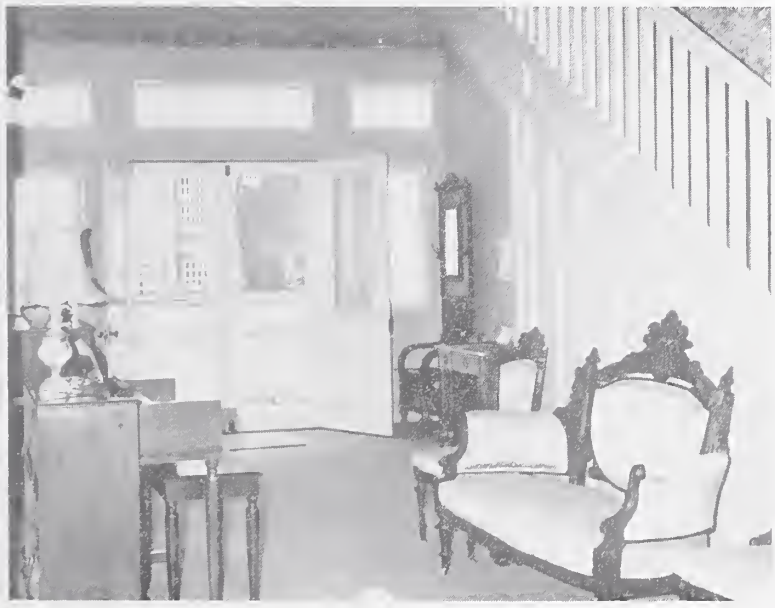
First Church acquired the home 1921 from Miss Jeanette (Miss nnie) White and Miss Rebecca Iiss Pinkie) White, daughters of dge P. W. White, who served as ommissary commissioner" during the "War Between the States" and as judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida.

It is believed by some of the older settlers of Quincy that the house was built by a Mr. Smallwood in the early years after the town was founded in 1825. It was used by the Smallwood family as a winter home. Each summer the Smallwood family would return to their plantation home a few miles from Quincy. In his later life, Mr. Smallwood gave the house to his niece, Mrs. P. W. White, and it remained in the White family until it was acquired by the church.

The house has identical entrances on the north and south sides of the building with porches dominated by four massive, Doric columns. Attractive balconies coming from the hall upstairs are above the doors.

There are five bedrooms, two baths, a large, formal living room, family room, dining room, kitchen and breakfast nook.

Pictures and information about the house are kept by the University of Florida library and by the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. It is considered one of the best preserved examples of Southern architecture during the days of the big plantations.



CENTRAL HALLWAY AND STAIRCASE

Mission on Ministry Planned for November

A series of one-day convocations will be held across the Methodist Church this fall to "consider the challenge and the glory of the Christian ministry."

To be known as "The Bishops' Mission on the Ministry," the plan involves a convocation in each conference or episcopal area. Those in the Southeastern Jurisdiction will be held during the period of Nov. 18-29.

The aims of the mission, as set forth by the Council of Bishops, are three-fold: (1) To call to the attention of the church in the months preceding the General Conference the crucial importance of the parish ministry; (2) To lift the morale of the men already engaged in the parish ministry; and (3) To lay the groundwork for later cultivation for recruitment.

Crosscurrents

(A Forum of Methodist Opinion)

The views expressed in these columns are solely those of the writer or the person quoted and do not necessarily represent the policies of The Methodist Church. "Crosscurrents" does not endorse or criticize the opinions expressed, serving instead as an open forum for Methodists of varying points of view.

(Editor's Note—The Lakeland Retired Methodist Ministers Club, largest group of retired ministers in Methodism, has issued a new challenge to church members from the perspective of its membership. It is printed below.)

Not Living Up to 'American Dream'

Through the season, we have been discussing and dreaming about the Agony of the Church. This idea came by the way of an editorial in the January issue of the **Christian Century.** The editorial was actually a review of a book, "American Dilemma" by a Swedish author. The author pictured the vast difference between the "American Dream" and the "American Deed" of discriminatory practices against the Negro, resulting in a split national personality . . . Unless this inter-racial picture is solved from the Christian viewpoint, its portents are terrific. Discrimination and prejudice against our colored people by the whites MUST GO. The Church must lead the way in this by its teaching and practice.

Too Many Young People Unemployed

Is our freedom endangered? Will our National Ideal be blighted? Youth unemployment is social dynamite! Every month more young people enter the ranks of the jobless. Last year one out of every six teenagers was unemployed. Nearly a million youth were out of school and rejected for employment. According to a survey, three out of every five Negro youths, between the ages of 16 and 21 were out of school and employment.

Unschooled and inexperienced young people of all races are the first victims of this rapidly increasing unemployment. Seven and a half million boys and girls in these "Sixties" will quit school before graduating, and their wages will be delinquency and wasted lives. They may easily become the prey for the Communist propaganda. This increasing mass of the unemployed are not illiterates or unintelligent, but have better than average intelligence. How to fit this growing multitude into our national growth and economic life is a matter of great concern. As long as this situation continues, the foundations of our Republic may well be rocking. Every church should survey its constituency to find an answer to this increasing problem.

What Makes a Nation Great

Why has our nation been so signally blessed among the people of the earth? In this time of great tensions, we must all take notice of what is happening to our churches . . . In 1961, 63.8 per cent of the population were church members. Last year we slipped to 63.4 per cent . . . This is the first decline in the ratio to population in 92 years, since 1870.

Church membership receptions last year were on a basis of 1.4 per cent. At this rate it takes 100 members to produce one new convert to Christianity and to the membership of the church. We do not seem to be lacking in church activities, having our biggest social and recreational programs, but much of what we do produces too little fruit in spiritual behavior. Our nation was blessed in the formative years with people of great faith, prayer, and what it takes to build strong foundations for a national economy.

LETTERS—

Church Building Boom Does Not Show Signs Of Spiritual Growth

Editor:

I have read with interest the article, "Our Stewardship Predicament in Florida," contained in the April 15 issue. I believe that a consecrated pastor devoting himself to the saving of souls will have a church so filled with the Holy Spirit that the monetary or business problems of the church would be negligent.

Church building has boomed in this country, but real Christianity hasn't kept pace. In my contact with people of today, I find that many are not satisfied with their churches becoming big business institutions and poor men's country clubs.

They want the Gospel even if it hurts because they are searching for the truth and eternal life. The sooner the leaders of our church get down to the wants and needs of their people, the sooner the day will come when the material needs will no longer be a problem.

Harvey Hornig
St. Petersburg

Persecution of Church Continues in Russia

Editor:

I was very disturbed about the article in the April 15 issue of the Florida Methodist which referred to some speeches by Mr. Charles C. Parlin.

The statement that persecution has ended in Russia is entirely false. The figures about priests, bishops and believers are meaningless. They only let people preach who follow the communist line. It is true that there are some Christians in Russia. Their services are very secret. If caught, they are severely persecuted.

Don Wheeler
Hialeah

There's No Better Time — Subscribe Now to the Florida Methodist

Annual Conference, Pastoral Appointments, Plans for the new Conference Year — all of these important events in our church life will be covered in the next few issues of the **Florida Methodist.** Act now to see that others in your church begin the new Conference Year fully informed on the challenges and opportunities that lie before us.

Above is an interior view of the new sanctuary at Methodist Temple, Lakeland, with the Rev. John R. Hunt, pastor, in the pulpit. At right, the keys to the building are turned over to the charge lay leader from the building committee at the sanctuary's consecration service. Pictured (from left) are Bill Adkins, lay leader; Mr. Hunt; Everett Greiner, chairman of the building committee; the Rev. Robert Bledsoe, former pastor; and Bishop Henley, who delivered the consecration sermon.

Bishop Henley Consecrates New Buildings at Methodist Temple

Bishop Henley led a consecration service of a new sanctuary and educational wing at Methodist Temple, Lakeland, on April 28.

The new 550-seat sanctuary is contemporary in design, featuring a steep-pitched roof with exposed laminated arches. It has a modified divided chancel with emphasis on the altar table, open Bible, and a tall, free-standing cross.

Color tones are a blend of natural oak finish with dark brown trim against white plaster. Pew cushions, carpeting and altar kneeling pads are in deep red tones. A skylight extends the length of the sanctuary.

The six-room educational wing includes a crib room, nursery, restrooms and four classrooms for the junior and youth divisions of the church school.

Bishop Henley was assisted in the consecration service by the Rev. John Hunt, pastor, and the Rev. Robert Bledsoe, former pastor, who is now at Haines City.

Methodist Temple was organized in 1954. Services have been held for several years in its fellowship hall. Long-range building plans call for additional educational facilities and a chapel.

233 Churches Have Completed Payment On Conference Loan Fund Commitments

Two hundred thirty-three churches in the conference completed payment on their Conference Loan-Branscomb Memorial Fund goals prior to May 1, according to the Rev. Henry Blackburn.

He added that more churches are meeting these commitments daily. By districts, the total of paid up churches are: DeLand, 10; Gainesville, 20; Jacksonville, 38; Lakeland, 30; Miami, 20; Orlando, 26; St. Petersburg, 16; Sarasota, 14; Tallahassee, 48; Tampa, 22; and West Palm Beach, 19.

Those churches completing their payment of the Conference Loan Fund goal between March 26 and April 29 were:

DELAND DISTRICT
- Altoona
- Lake Como
- Seville

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT
- Belleview
- Newberry

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT
- Jacksonville, Murray Hill
- Jacksonville, Riverview
- Mandarin

LAKELAND DISTRICT
- Bartow, Asbury
- Davenport
- Kathleen
- Lacoochee
- Lakeland, First
- Trilby

MIAMI DISTRICT
- Homestead, Holy Trinity
- Miami, Southwest

ORLANDO DISTRICT
- Cocoa Beach
- Eustis
- Orlando, Concord Park
- Orlando, Pine Castle
- Orlando, Pine Hills
- Tavares

ST. PETERSBURG DISTRICT
- Anona
- St. Petersburg, Lealman
- St. Petersburg, Pasadena

SARASOTA DISTRICT
- Nocatee
- Sarasota, Trinity

TAMPA DISTRICT
- Seffner
- Tampa, Highland Avenue
- Tampa, Seminole Heights

WEST PALM BEACH
- Boca Raton
- Canal Point
- Delray Beach
- West Palm Beach, Northwood

Maynard To Lead Children's Workers

Dr. Donald M. Maynard, professor of religious education at Boston University School of Theology, will be principal speaker at this years Florida Childrens Worker's Conference.

Maynard

The conference will be held at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, beginning at 5:30 p.m. July 9 and closing with lunch on July 11.

Theme for this year's conference is "Understanding Children," according to Mrs. L. S. Hollis, director of children's work. Cost is $9, including $1 registration fee. Registrar is Mrs. Robert Nailling, P.O. Box 78, Lakeland.

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'NOW IS THE TIME'—

Speakers at Daytona Beach Point to Sense of Urgency in the World

Following the theme, "Now Is The Time," there was a sense of urgency in all of the addresses delivered at the Twenty-Third Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild.

Speaker after speaker expressed the belief that we are living in the most challenging era in history. All of them reminded those present, however, that we need not face all of these crises by ourselves — that God is still at work and will give guidance to those who call upon Him.

Here are some of the highlights of the addresses:

Mrs. David R. Thurman, Miami, President's Address—"All of us have a desperate sense of urgency — a need to be in a hurry; a feeling that time is getting short, that we need to rouse ourselves and get to work. Bishop Franklin, who returned recently from the Far East, told us in Memphis that the church is doing far too little there, and if we are not careful, it will be too late. This is the message we get from our workers in all the fields—they are working against time and we must hurry or we will be too late. Every member in every local society and guild must share this sense of urgency and drive if we are to make the most of our time.

"Yet in all these tensions and with all the seeming conflicts in the world, we must remember that this is still God's world and His time — that He has committed to us and our generation a little part of His time, in which we have the task of spreading His message and performing His mission to all those in need."

Bishop Henley:

"There are four basic hungers gnawing at the vitals of men." (1) Hunger for food, hundreds of millions can't remember having a full meal; (2) Hunger for health, in most every home at least one child has died unnecessarily; (3) Hunger for knowledge, half the world can neither read nor write. Many others have never learned anything worth writing. (4) Hunger for respect, those who have lived so long under the domination of men from other countries wish to stand on their own two feet, to speak and to be listened to. Upon who satisfies these hungers will depend who wins between communism and the West.

Mrs. David J. Cathcart, Cocoa, presenting Racial Charter for ratification:

"We are aware that many persons of deep Christian commitment do not fully share the views reflected in the charter. We do not stand in judgment, either of their motive or their conviction — this is God's alone. We only believe that Christian women, Methodist women, in this decade of the sixties, face new frontiers that provide unlimited opportunities to serve and witness in God's world as it changes."

"This document offers a point of departure for the timid, no matter how circumscribed their first ventures into new relationships with those of another race might be. For those who have already begun the process of seeking to resolve tensions in the area of human relations, this charter provides a frame of reference for further achievement. For those who would venture into new frontiers, this document can serve as a launching pad into exciting new dimensions of brotherhood. For me, it serves as a confrontation with the risen Christ."

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Women from the Orlando District prepare to invite the Florida Conference Woman's Society to hold its annual meeting at First Church, Orlando, next year. The women all wore imaginative (to say the least) hats in the colorful demonstration.

Crusade Scholars and deaconesses were especially honored at this year's annual meeting of the Florida Conference Woman's Society. Crusade Scholars received half of this year's love offering. Present at the meeting were (from left) Miss Josie Runes of the Philippines, Miss Misao Akagawa of Japan, Miss Lorine Chan of the Fiji Islands. Deaconesses present as the 75th Anniversary of the Deaconess Order was commemorated were (first row, from left): Miss Helen Wolforth, Miss Mildred Avery (retired), Miss Cleo Barber, Miss Lillian Kelly and Miss Helen Fennema. Second row (from left): Miss Ruth Mayhall, Miss Margaret Field, Miss Lottie Green (retired), and Miss Inez Martin.

Women Pledge $255,000, Missions Giving Up $14,000

The Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild received $225,200 in pledges at its annual meeting to support its proposed budget for 1963-64.

The Woman's Society went on to pledge $200,000 for the work of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions in home and foreign fields. This is $14,000 more than last year's pledge to missions.

Part of the money pledged by the districts in the annual pledge service is retained in the Florida Conference to underwrite such costs as the annual meeting, school of missions, expenses of officers, printing, postage, deaconess travel and other expenses.

In addition to its pledge for missions, the Woman's Society provides $200 scholarships for 11 Negro girls, $7,000 for the foster home in Miami for Cuban refugee children, $5,000 for a literacy program in Cuba and Latin America, Crusade Scholarships, and furnishings and materials for missionaries not provided in their regular appropriations.

In addition to the pledge, over $23,000 for special memberships was also paid to the Woman's Division for salaries and appropriations in the missions field.

District pledges for the year were: DeLand, $19,000; Gainesville, $11,500; Jacksonville, $27,500; Lakeland, $20,000; Miami, $38,000; Orlando, $26,000; St. Petersburg, $32,250; Sarasota, $19,500; Tallahassee, $14,000; Tampa, $18,750; and West Palm Beach, $28,700.

Speakers Point to Sense of Urgency in World

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The Rev. Robert Blackburn, Jacksonville, noontime message:

(A divided church) . . . "is a major source of embarrassment to Christians. Whereas religion ought to help unify men, it divides them instead. It will be awfully hard for a Christian individual or group to challenge the alienations and divisions of the world without the outsider saying: 'Physician, heal thyself.'

"Have not some of the worst wars of history been religious wars? Are not some of the most heated debates of society religious debates? . . . What we need is a church that stops accentuating human alienations, and helps the world say "Our!" "Our Father . . . our daily bread . . . our trespasses!"

Miss Betsy Ewing, deaconess, dean of students at Scarritt College:

"As the world has become smaller in terms of time and distance, what happens in one part of the world is immediately echoed in another part. We are daily being confronted by the results of our failure to be "the Church in the world" and this speaks to us of an urgency for the Church to be in mission. As one writer puts it, 'the Gospel has long ago been proclaimed to the world. Now it must be lived!' Living the Gospel . . . this is our mission for the world will no longer listen to a Church which professes Christ as Lord but doesn't do what He has commanded."

Love Gift Offering Supports 2 Projects

A love gift offering of $16,491.32 was taken at the annual meeting of the Florida Conference Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild. Several hundred dollars will be added to it from additional gifts not received at the meeting.

This year the annual love gift will be divided between Crusade Scholarships for foreign students and seats for the Branscomb Memorial Auditorium now under construction at Florida Southern College.

Mrs. Howard V. Weems, Sebring, was in charge of the presentation of the offering.

Florida Southern Serves As 'Living Monument'

The faculty and students of Florida Southern College comprise a "living monument" to the interest and loyalty of Florida Methodists who feel that higher education and religious education have a common bond in a private school, Bishop Henley believes.

"My association with Florida Southern has been one of my most enjoyable and satisfying experiences in Florida," Bishop Henley told 1,500 women who attended annual meeting of the Woman's Society at Daytona Beach.

"Florida Southern is our very own," Bishop Henley said. "We are proud that it is deeply rooted in Christian ideals. Your loyalty and support are indispensable if we are to make our college one of the finest educational systems in the country."

Bishop Henley added that Florida Southern "needs and wants more Methodist young people."

Adding their "golden link" to a chain made by local presidents of the Miami District Woman's Society are Mrs. David Jones, president of Big Pine Key Woman's Society, and Mrs. L. G. Sheehan, president of the Peace Church Wesleyan Service Guild, newest units in the district. Mrs. C. L. Young, secretary of promotion, calls the roll.

3 Woman's Societies, 11 New Guilds Formed

Statistical comparisons based on November reports show an increase of three Woman's Societies and 11 Wesleyan Service Guilds during the six-month period from May, 1962, to November, 1962.

Membership was down slightly in the Woman's Societies and up slightly in the Guilds.

There were 43,114 members in 511 Woman Societies last November, according to Mrs. H. Quillan Jones, Fort Myers, secretary of promotion. This was 166 less than last May.

There were 3,857 Guild members last November in 177 Guilds, according to Mrs. Luther Ray, Tampa, conference secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild. She reported membership had increased by 74.

She Heard of 'Testifying' Now Knows What It Is

"I've heard my mother talk about testifying but really didn't know what it meant. It was wonderful to hear how much God meant to those women. I wish I could stand up and speak for God like that!"

"You can, next time just stand up and say what's in your heart."

This conversation and many more like it followed the "Day Apart" held by the Tampa District Woman's Society of Christian Service, according to Mrs. Billie B. Simmons, district reporter.

Much of the program was spent in prayer and quietness. Mrs. Frank Thompson, Jr., gave a morning meditation, and the Rev. Robert Barber, host pastor at the Ruskin Church, brought an afternoon message.

We are too much concerned about saving our skins in this nuclear age, and not enough concerned about losing our lives for Christ.

BISHOP KENNETH W. COPELAND

Me And My Bible

By MRS. ED FERRELL

"Idealism versus realism!" This is said to be one of the struggles in our country today. But we do not have to make a choice. We should embrace them both.

The faith of Jesus Christ belies the statement that idealism and realism cannot live together. No message is so real as the one Jesus brought; yet never was a message so filled with idealism.

Without fail, Jesus recognized the humanity, and consequently the limitations, of the people who pressed around Him; yet He continually told them "Be ye perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect." Regardless of its idealistic overtones, His sermon on the mount is to be applied to and will work in everyday living.

Those who combine idealism and realism in their lives are as the wise man whom Jesus tells of in Matthew 7:24: "And therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them I will liken him unto a wise man which buildeth his house upon a rock: And the rains descended and the floods came and the winds blew and beat upon that house; and it fell not, for it was founded upon a rock."

Nothing is so real to build upon as a rock; and no way of life is more idealistic than the way of Christ. Idealism and realism do not need to be at odds with each other; instead they should lie down on our hearth together.

Peeler Memorial has just completed a $125,000 campaign for the construction of a new fellowship hall which will seat over 300 and 20 new classrooms for the church school. The building will adjoin the sanctuary (right) which is already completed.

New Filmstrip Available On MYF Summer Program

"Take A Look . . . Your Florida Conference MYF Summer Program" is a new 92-frame color filmstrip with printed narration for information and promotion of virtually all the phases of the conference's summer MYF program.

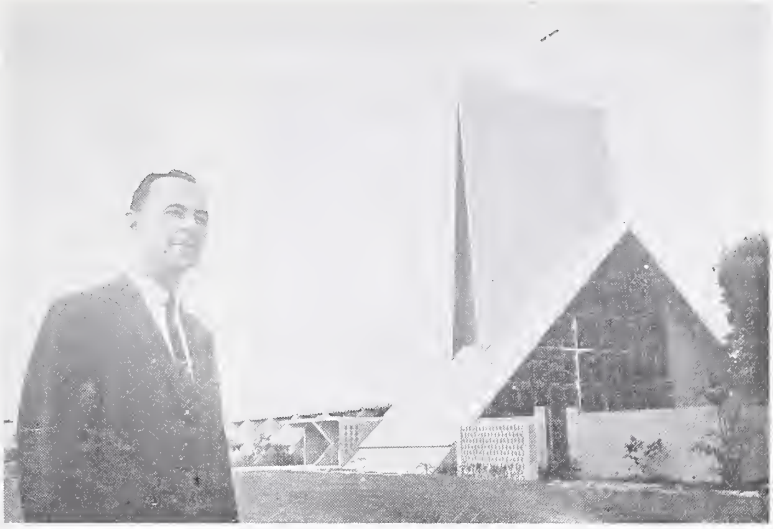
Sixty-two frames show the MYF camp at Leesburg and activities of the Junior High Christian Adventure Camp and the Senior High Youth Assemblies.

Twenty frames are devoted to the Junior High Rustic Camp, and 10 frames deal with the new program of trail hiking on the Appalachian Trail in North Carolina for older youth.

The filmstrip is available immediately from the Visual Aid Department, Box 78, Lakeland, Florida. Service charge is only $1.

Layman Appointed

A Methodist layman, Vance Archer, Hays, Kan., has been appointed director of personal and visitation evangelism in the Department of Local Church Evangelism of the Methodist Church.



Newspaper Uses North Hialeah Church To Illustrate Article on Architecture

North Hialeah Church served as an illustration from two articles in the **Miami Day News** on trends in church architecture.

A reporter from the paper talked with both the architect, Robert Fitch Smith, and the pastor, the Rev. Lee Davidson, to get their views on the modernistic church.

Mr. Davidson commented:

"My first impression as I stood at the lectern of our new church, surrounded on all sides by glass and separated by space from the congregation, was that I was standing outdoors.

"In fact," he continued, "I felt a little like John Wesley must have felt when he conducted his field ministry."

He conceded that his first feelings toward the building were negative when he was appointed to the church last June.

Later, after finding that the building lends itself admirably to worship, Mr. Davidson became enthusiastic about it. He added that the lay people of the church accepted and admired the modernistic church almost immediately.

The architect pointed out that the building was not only designed to create a worshipful atmosphere but to make the best use of the property available and to be in line with the financial resources of the congregation.

BOWLING GREEN CHURCH CONSECRATED

Bowling Green Opens Educational Unit

First Church, Bowling Green, completed its new $75,000 educational building this month, holding a consecration service on May .

The Rev. Henry W. Blackburn, executive secretary of church extension, preached the consecration sermon at the morning service. Following a basket dinner, the Rev. Harry H. Waller, Sarasota District superintendent, presided at the formal consecration in the afternoon.

The building includes 15 classrooms, a kitchen, study, library and fellowship hall.

The Rev. Gerald McCray, pastor, reports that the Methodist Youth Fellowship began their Youth Activities Week as soon as the building was finished. Guest speakers were the Rev. C. M. Cotton, Lakeland, and the Rev. Ralph Jones, Tice.

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PARSONAGE WINS AWARD FOR LAWN

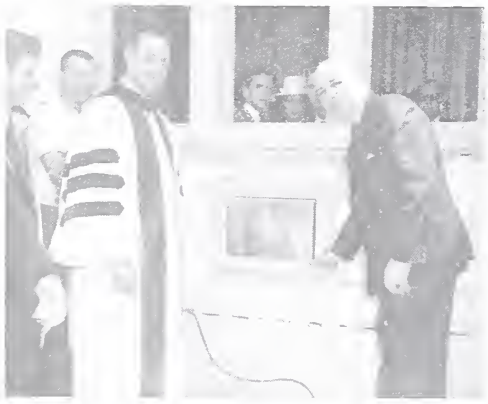
Zephyrhills Garden Club presented its "B for Beauty" award to the Methodist parsonage home of the Rev. and Mrs. Henry L. Kinnard, Jr. A large "B" sign was placed on the lawn for a month. The Kinnards gave praise to Mrs. John Peck, who planned and planted the landscaping after the parsonage was built in 1961.

OKEECHOBEE EXCELS AS 'MOTHER'

First Church, Okeechobee, is sponsoring its third church extension project in three years—demonstrating the fact that a church does not have to be large to "mother" a new congregation. During the past two years the Okeechobee church sponsored new churches in Indiantown and Fort Drum. Its latest venture is to purchase a site for a church in Kissimmee River Estates, a new community 10 miles west of Okeechobee. This village may not be large enough for a congregation for some time, but the alert pastor and laymen are purchasing a site while it is available at a reasonable price.

OVER $1,000 FOR TRAXLER

The Easter congregation of First Church, Gainesville, contributed $1,047 in a special offering for the new sanctuary in Brasilia, where Florida missionary Kenneth Traxler is pastor.



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SOUTH MIAMI LAYS CORNERSTONE

The cornerstone of First Church, South Miami, was laid on April 21 with officials of the church participating in ceremonies conduced by the Rev. Ralph B. Huston, (left), pastor. Making preparation for the placement of the stone is Edward G. Harris, chairman of the building committee. Other ministers sharing in the service were the Rev. L. G. Sturdivant, retired; the Rev. Allan J. Burry, director of the Wesley Foundation, University of Miami; and Dr. Earl Gossett, professor of religion, University of Miami.

MEN CELEBRATE 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Ten years of unbroken service as a charter Methodist Men's Club was celebrated at the Holden Heights Church, Orlando, on May 30. Personal invitations were sent to all members and wives who belonged to the club during the 10-year period. Some of the accomplishments of the club have included purchase of a $2,000 church organ, painting the parsonage and purchase of a water pump for the church lawn. The Rev. Ernest Hawk, original pastor of Holden Heights, was guest speaker for the evening.

. . . New Lt. Colonel

RESERVE CHAPLAIN PROMOTED

An admiring family admires the new silver oak leaf insignia of lieutenant colonel worn by Senior Chaplain Thomas D. Ryan, Jr., an army reservist. The four proud onlookers are Peggy, 14; Edward, 5; James, 3; and Tommy, 10. Mr. Ryan is administrator of Wesley Manor, Jacksonville Methodist retirement home.

ORGAN CONSECRATED AT CONCERT

Euclid Church, St. Petersburg, recently held a special service of consecration for a newly-installed organ. After the consecration, a concert of sacred organ music was given by Mrs. Charlene Alexander, organist at Christ Church, St. Petersburg, and Mrs. David Morrison, Euclid's organist. The Rev. Don Walsh, pastor, conducted the consecration service.

PASTOR JOINS GRAHAM TEAM

The Rev. Whitney Dough, pastor of First Church, Wauchula, joined the Rev. Joseph D. Blinco, associate evangelist with the Billy Graham Team for a crusade in Nassau, May 5-12. Mr. Dough sang tenor solos, was song leader and choir director. He also preached at morning and afternoon services.

COMMEMORATES ALDERSGATE

Ministry Sunday To Be Observed May 19

Ministry Sunday will be observed in Methodist churches May 19 with the theme, "Shepherd of Souls."

The theme is taken from a statement of John Wesley, founder of Methodism, who described ministers as shepherds of souls. It emphasizes the pastoral role of the ministry.

A meaningful service of worship for Ministry Sunday has been prepared by Bishop Henley for distribution in a general mailing to ministers throughout the country by the Department of Ministerial Education of the Methodist Board of Education in Nashville.

May 19 is also Aldersgate Sunday in the Methodist Church. Many churches also will observe the 225th Anniversary of the Aldersgate Experience of John Wesley.

Following Aldersgate, Wesley entered upon a new life of preaching, teaching, and serving.

The day is set aside annually to give recognition to the need and opportunity for young persons of high ability and deep Christian devotion to enter the ministry.

This Is My Ministry

I marry lovers.
I bless their children.
I baptize the believers.
I put God's rod and staff into the hands of the dying.
I bury the dead.
I tell of the health and healing of God.
I enter the joys and laughter of little children.
I put candles on birthday cakes.
I renew hope and confidence in discouraged men.
I restore the fallen.
I praise God for the privilege of holding before men their true greatness, man's shining glory.
I have my say about the organization and business of the church.
I reach out a hand across the world in missions.
I am a man of many parts.
This is an interesting life.
I enjoy my solitude.
I rejoice in society.
I study religion.
I love human nature.
I climb the altar stairs to God.
I am a man under orders not from any one man, but the Son of man.
I am not a time server; no time is my own, yet all time is my own.
I am not dominated by any man; yet I am debtor to all men.
I am a fellow worker with God — a man under compassion and compulsion to serve.
I share in the building of the kingdom; building this kingdom out of the routine of the day as earthborn men come to believe in themselves as the children of the Most High.
I preach the love of God, our Father; the saving grace of Christ, our Lord; and the privilege and joy of man's spiritual heritage as a child of God.
I am blessed beyond measure. As a minister of the gospel my cup runneth over.

—Frederick W. Helfer

(Editor's Note—May 19 is Ministry Sunday in the Methodist Church. We felt this poem is one of the best expressions we could find of the minister's life. It is written by the Rev. Fred Helfer, Baltimore, and is reprinted with permission from the December, 1962, issue of Link, program magazine for armed forces personnel of the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel.)

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The Upward Call

Florida Methodism's Witness of the Spirit

(Editor's Note—Florida Methodism not only lost a beloved pastor but a great poet with the death on April 30 of the Rev. Albert G. Stone, pastor of First Church, St. Cloud. One of the experiences of his life, which he later recaptured in verse, has been told countless times from pulpits across the land. Last fall he related it to the Rev. Albert Dale Hagler, who had used the incident as in illustration at Florida Pastor's School without knowing the identity of the minister involved. Below is Mr. Stone's own account of the experience, which happened 25 years ago in Frankfort, Ky., and the poem he wrote as a result of it.)

Pastor Tells of Experience

"One Sunday morning, just as I came out of my study to go into my pulpit for the morning service, I met my colored janitor rather suddenly as I stepped out of the door into the hallway. He spoke to me, saying, "Good morning, Brother Stone. Any late news from God?" It so surprised me, not having ever heard such an inquiry before, that I mumbled some sort of reply and went on into the pulpit for the service. That anxious inquiry persisted in my mind and heart, until I finally put the experience into the words of the following poem. I hope it may help some other minister to realize, also, the immediate relevancy of the gospel message to every man everywhere."

Any Late News From God?

"Any late news from God?
The janitor anxiously asked;
And the pastor replied with a nervous nod,
As he hurriedly the questioner passed.
Into his pulpit he went to stand
Before his waiting people;
While high above the altar grand,
Towered the stately steeple.
The mighty organ sounded forth,
The choir in harmony chanted;
From east and west, and south and north,
Late news the people wanted.

"Any late news from God?"
The question still searched him within.
Was this the cry of the spark in the clod?
Had he **now** no message for men?

And then the preacher opened the Book,
And found where it was written,
That Jesus bore our sorrows; yet, look!
"He for **our** sins was smitten!"
Were these not sinners like all mankind?
Did their hearts not hunger and thirst?
Surely, they stumbled and groped like the blind,
As their fathers had done from the first.
Yes, **now** he **has** late news from God,
As late as the freshest sin;
For those who Death's dark ways have trod,
May have life and beauty within.

"Any late news from God?"
Now the prophet spoke loud and clear:
"All ye who hunger and thirst for God,
Behold, your **Saviour** is **here!**"

rs. Effie Lawrence Marshall,), was chosen queen of Ye Good ld Days banquet at this year's dult Conference held at the eesburg Youth Camp. She is a ember of Bryan Memorial hurch, Miami, where she is acher of the Francis Asbury ible Class. Those attending the nference were challenged to ep themselves well informed what is happening in the orld as well as in the church.

Deaths

he Rev. Albert G. Stone

The Rev. Albert G. Stone, 71, astor of First Church, St. Cloud, ed on April 30, following an ill-ess of several weeks. He trans-rred to the Florida Conference 1960 from Kentucky and has rved as pastor at St. Cloud since at time. In Kentucky he had rved as a district superinten-ent and as vice president of entucky Wesleyan College. He as president of the St. Cloud inisterial association at the me of his death. He is survived y his wife, two daughters and veral sisters and brothers. (See so "The Upward Call" on the djoining page.)

he Rev. Nora Bandy

The Rev. Nora L. Bandy, 65, died pril 28 in a Clearwater rest home. he was a retired minister in the orida Conference who did ex-nsive home missionary work in entucky for several years. She oved to Dunedin 13 years ago om Hosford. She is survived by er husband, Thomas H. Bandy, unedin; a daughter, Mrs. L. D. yle, Bainbridge, Ohio, and six andchildren.

LAST CALL!

When you read this notice, you will have less than a week to get in Advance Specials for this Conference Year. Please make it big. As of April 24, the Florida Conference was $78,000 behind the same period last year in gifts for missions and educational specials.

—C. M. Cotton
Conf. Missionary Sec.

World Service Goal Still Attainable

Methodists have a "real possibility" of reaching their World Service goal of $15 million this year, according to the Rev. Don A. Cooke, Evanston, general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance.

World Service receipts for the first 11 months totaled $11.7 million. Last year during May over $3 million was received for World Service.

Ten of 11 general benevolence funds are ahead of last year with only receipts for the Methodist Television-Radio Ministry lagging.

Methodist Kiwanians Honor Harry Waller

Twenty-five Methodists in the Sarasota Kiwanis Club, Methodist members of other Kiwanis clubs, and pastors in the city joined together on May 10 to honor the Rev. Harry H. Waller, Sarasota District superintendent, who will receive a new appointment this year.

The Methodists sat together at one table during the regular meeting of the Kiwanis club. Mr. Waller is a member of the Sarasota club.

CALENDAR

May 19—Ministry Sunday.
May 24—225th Anniversary of John Wesley's Aldersgate Experience.
May 26—World Service Sunday in the Church School.
May 26—Rural Life Sunday.
June 3—Board of Ministerial Training, Methodist Building, Lakeland, 9 a.m.
June 3—Board of Missions, First Methodist Church, Lakeland, 1 p.m.
June 3—Board of Education, First Methodist Church, Lakeland (afternoon).
June 3—Conference Planning Commission, Methodist Building, Lakeland, 4:30 p.m.
June 4-8—Florida Annual Conference, First Methodist Church, Lakeland, 9 a.m. daily.
June 9—Methodist Student Day.
June 10-July 20—Junior High Conference Camps at Youth Camp, Leesburg.
June 10-Aug. 20—Junior High Rustic Camps at Youth Camp, Leesburg.

ALDERSGATE YEAR 1963

Pray for Renewal Of Church, Family

Methodists throughout the world are urged by the General Board of Evangelism to pray, as families, for the renewal of the church and the renewal of the family on May 24 as part of the 225th Anniversary of Wesley's Aldersgate experience.

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THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION NEEDED—

Selection of Delegates for General Conference Is Important Task

Delegates for the General Conference of the Methodist Church in Pittsburgh next spring will be elected at the Florida Annual Conference in Lakeland, June 4-8.

Delegates for the Jurisdictional Conference, which will be held some time after the General Conference, also will be elected at Annual Conference.

Because of the importance of the General Conference, delegates to this year's Annual Conference should make themselves fully informed on the responsibilities of General Conference delegates and the manner in which they are selected.

The General Conference has been described as "the Methodist Church in action." It determines the policy and direction of the Methodist Church in many important matters.

Views on "What Makes a Good Delegate?" were published in the April edition of **The Methodist Story.** Six former delegates — a bishop, a minister and four laymen — gave their views on what makes a good delegate.

They were unanimous on several qualifications considered essential:

1. Deep spiritual conviction.
2. A thorough knowledge of our Methodist heritage and the organization of the church.
3. A willingness to work hard, both prior and during the General Conference deliberation.
4. A world viewpoint, rising above national or sectional interests.
5. An open mind — a willingness to consider each issue deliberately and prayerfully.

General conference delegates are not "instructed." Once appointed, they must vote their own convictions.

In the selection of delegates at Annual Conference, no nominations are made. There will be eight ministerial delegates, elected by the clergy, and eight lay delegates, elected by the lay delegates at Annual Conference.

All qualified lay delegates will be furnished ballots, which will be blank paper, on which they will be required to write the names of seven lay members that they desire to elect as delegates to General Conference.

The requirements for a lay delegate is that he or she shall be 25 years old and shall have been a member of the Methodist Church in the Annual Conference for the past four years.

(Often in the past, and possibly again in the future, there will be printed lists of possible persons to be elected as delegates. This is not an official ballot and is improper. Delegates may cast their ballot for any adult Methodist they desire, so long as he or she is not a minister.)

Balloting is continued until someone receives a majority of the votes cast. As an example, if — after the ballot is cast for eight — it is found that four have received a majority, another ballot will be cast voting for four. Other ballots will be cast until the required number receive a majority.

Clerical members are elected in the same fashion by the ministers of the conference.

NEW SANCTUARY AT WINTER PARK

Winter Park Church Completes Sanctuary

Members of First Church, Winter Park, had the thrill of celebrating Palm Sunday and Easter in their new sanctuary this year. It was opened for worship March 31.

The building of Spanish Mission and Mediterranean design was created by the Winter Park firm of James Gamble Rogers Lovelock and Fritz and was built by Allen Trovillion.

Among its features are two rose windows built by Lamb Studios of Tenafly, N. J., supporting the roof, and the use of Alabama limestone for the chancel wall and the arches and columns of the front entrance.

The building and its contents cost approximately $340,000. The congregation during the past three years raised two-thirds of this in cash and the balance is covered by three-year pledges.

The Rev. Caxton Doggett is pastor; Richard Simmons, chairman of the building committee; and members, A. B. Morgan, James Lindsey, Mrs. Roy Trovillion, Mrs. Earl Rayl, Mrs. Warren Sullivan, Lawrence Layman, Webber Haines and Jack Monahan.

170,000 Blankets Sent To Algeria by MCOR

Methodist Churches in four months contributed 170,000 blankets and $129,000 to ship and distribute them to Algerian refugees, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief reports.

MCOR expressed its appreciation to the hundreds of thousands of Methodists who responded so quickly and so generously to the emergency appeal. With contributions from other denominations, a total of 650,000 blankets was sought.

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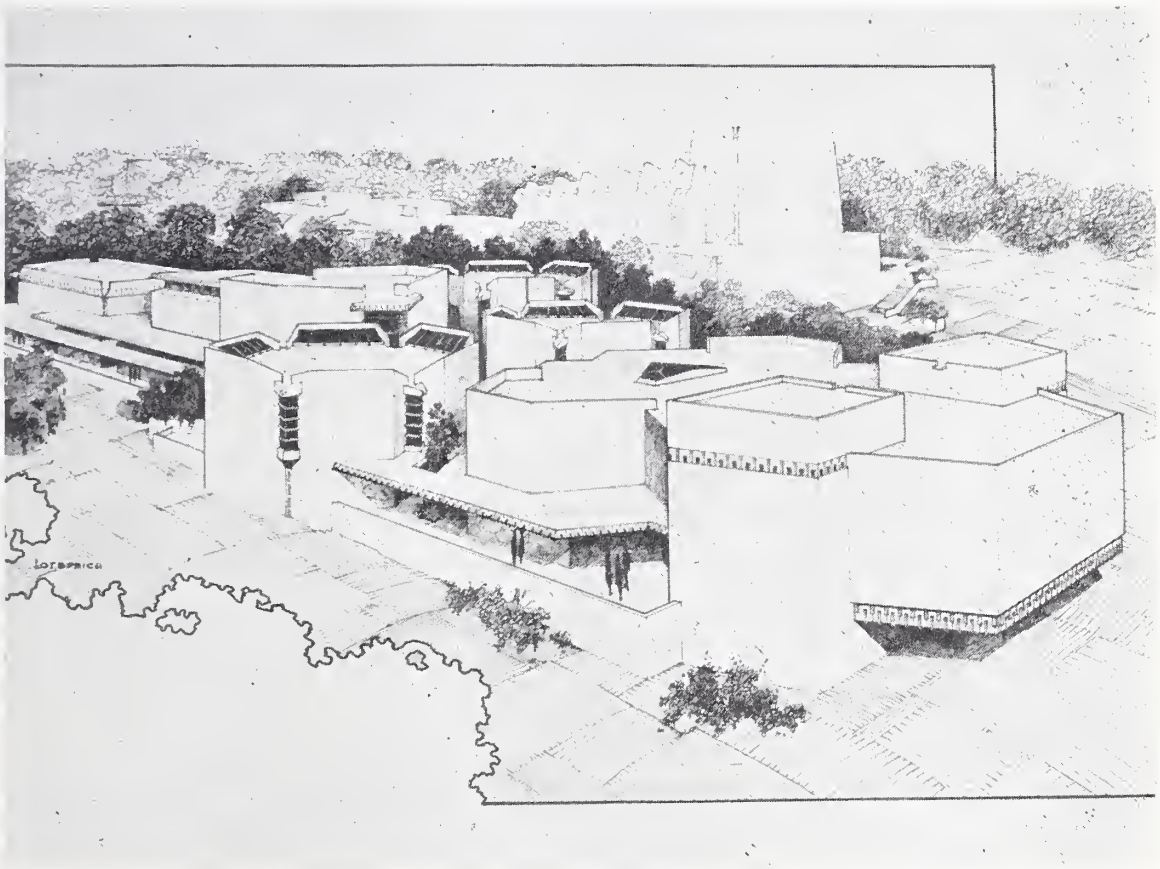

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The Bishop Calls—

Dear Friends:

These last few weeks have been busy ones. On Monday nigh May 6, I preached in the Upper Room Chapel in Nashville in service observing the beginning of Christian Family Week. It wa a delightful experience. Of course, I saw many old friends. Th Upper Room Chapel should be visited by every Methodist wh stops in Nashville. It is really upstairs and it is truly beautiful Above the large Communion table is a magnificent wood carvin in relief of Leonardo de Vinci's "Last Supper." The figures of ou Lord and the disciples are life size. It is a worshipful experienc to enter the chapel alone and sit quietly in remembrance of tha first Communion in the Upper Room in Jerusalem.

On Sunday, May 12, I preached in our new church at Crysta River. Brother Tom Price and his good people have done a mag nificent job in providing this lovely building fo the worship and educational program of thei church. As a part of the service we had an in fant baptism and the reception of four person into church membership. And after church—bar becued pork and barbecued beef that the me of the congregation had prepared in an all nigh vigil Saturday night. It was a very, very delight ful occasion.

During the first part of May I was in every district in the conference meeting with pastora relations committees and with ministers, dis cussing the ongoing program of the church and the ministeria needs for the coming year. I would like to express my appreciatior for the sincerity and the courtesy of our lay people who constitute the pastoral relations committees. Some have come feeling tha perhaps a change in leadership would be good for the congregation Others have come anxiously requesting the return of their minis ter. In no case has there been an unkind or inconsiderate word spoken by a single person. And I am proud of our preachers. They are seeking with the utmost earnestness to fulfill their offices o spiritual care and instruction to the congregations. I find mysel wishing that the 250,000 and more Methodists in Florida could all know the 500 or so Methodist preachers who serve our churches.

Annual Conference will be convening soon after this copy o the FLORIDA METHODIST comes from the press. Let me express the hope that all lay delegates will seek to be present for the opening session of the conference and remain with us throughout. You cannot begin to imagine how much your attendance enriches the conference sessions. Dr. McFerrin Stowe will be our Conference Preacher. Dr. Stowe is pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church, Oklahoma City. Everyone who hears Dr. Stowe will be grateful for the inspiration and uplift of the experience. Dr. Tracey K. Jones of the General Board of Missions will speak one day. Dr. Jones is familiar with the life of the Christian Church around the entire world. He is a dynamic and challenging speaker. Then there is former Gov. LeRoy Collins, who will speak on the program presented by the Board of Christian Social Concerns. And there wil be Dr. A. D. Holt, president of the University of Tennessee, one of the most enjoyable and inspiring lay speakers in America.

The Branscomb Memorial Auditorium is taking form rapidly these days. I was in Lakeland the other day and was thrilled to see the progress that is being made. Don't just ride by during Annual Conference. Stop and walk around. A year from now we wil have one of the finest college auditoriums in the South. It is a fitting memorial to a truly great spiritual leader.

Sincerely,
JAMES W. HENLEY

T COMMENCEMENT—

tudents Told: 'We Must Find Way To Keep Success From Spoiling Us'

Are today's young Americans o conservative?

This question was posed for the 6-member graduating class at lorida Southern College's 78th nnual commencement exercises ay 13 in Lakeland.

The speaker was Dr. Judson C. ard, Jr., vice president of Emry University.

Degrees were conferred by FSC resident Charles T. Thrift, Jr. f the 296 graduates, 216 were loridians and 80 represented 20 her states and three foreign ountries.

In his commencement address, r. Ward said:

"I am deeply concerned when a large segment of our ablest young people adopt an attitude of conservatism because it appears to guarantee the selfish status quo and enable them to enjoy the fruits of their way of life.

"What we must find is a way to keep our success from spoiling us, our luxury from making us soft and snobbish. Our high standard of living can be a curse if it kills our motive for effort in non-materialistic fields."

"A failure to really believe in God may lie at the base of many of our difficulties.

"Is man now so smart, so clever, so ingenious, so successful that he has come to worship man rather than God? Perhaps man's frustration and anxiety is intensified because he has come to believe that his fate is really in his own hands and no longer in the hands of the God of history."

Florida Southern College President Charles T. Thrift, Jr., drapes an academic hood around the shoulders of the Rev. Gaylon L. Howe, Jacksonville, who received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree at the college's 78th annual commencement convocation. Looking on at right is Dr. Judson C. Ward, Jr., vice president of Emory University, who gave the commencement address.

Gaylon Howe Receives Honorary Degree

The Rev. Gaylon L. Howe, pas- or of Riverside Park Church, acksonville, was awarded an onorary Doctor of Divinity de- ree May 13 by Florida Southern ollege.

In conferring the degree, FSC resident Charles T. Thrift, Jr., ted Mr. Howe as a "stimulating reacher, effective and loving astor, church administrator" nd as a loyal leader in the de- elopment of Florida Southern.

Mr. Howe, a trustee of the col- ge, preached the graduating ass' baccalaureate sermon the ay before.

Comparing life's journey to the merican team's recent conquest Mt. Everest, he stressed that careful planning of way stations for each leg of the climb is a most important factor.

"Graduation from college is somewhat like that," he said. "It is the end of something and the beginning of something—an important base in the effort to move higher toward the summit of our dream and purpose."

But he counseled the graduates that life should be more than a climb toward material success:

"Our kind of world calls for a dual citizenship on the part of Christians. Our religion must relate to the needs of the world. Christians must live in and out of society. Our message is vital, and must be lived and declared."

98-Year-Old Hymnal Given to Library

A 98-year-old pocket hymn book, measuring only 2½ by 3½ inches, has been given to Florida Southern College by Mrs. A. F. Pickard of Lakeland.

Published in 1865 by the Methodist Church, the tiny hymnal will be placed in the Methodist section of the college archives in the Roux Library.

The 719-page booklet contains 1,148 selections. Number one is the familiar "O for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemer's praise," by Charles Wesley.

Mrs. Pickard said the hymnal had been passed down through her family for nearly a century. She received it from her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Miller

Center To Honor Martyrs Requested

The trustees of Florida Southern College have received a proposal for the establishment of a "World Martyrological Center" at the college.

The Rev. Bennett W. Palmer, retired Methodist minister residing at Haines City, suggests the purpose of such a center would be to note, to record, to publicize, and to protest every Christian martyrdom throughout the world.

"It is claimed that ours has been an age of martyrdom," he said, "but the martyr's deaths have gone for the most part unnoted and unhonored. Churchmen say that it is only when martyrdom is noted and honored that the blood of the martyrs becomes the seam of the church."

Drops Racial Ban

Randolph-Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, Va., has announced that race is not to be a factor in future student admissions. The policy will go into effect at the Methodist-related college for the 1964-65 academic year.

NOW MEMBER IN TEXAS—

Astronaut Cooper Has 25-Year Record as Fast-Moving Methodist

The man who set a new American record for space travel also has a 25-year record as a Methodist, with a membership that has kept up with his earth-bound travels.

Major Leroy Gordon Cooper, Jr., now of Houston, Tex., joined St. Paul's Church, Shawnee, Okla., when about 10 years of age and was active in church youth programs there. In 1955 he and his parents transferred to First Church in Carbondale, Colo., where his mother is still active in church and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. His late father helped to build that church.

After Gordon Cooper became one of the nation's seven original astronauts and was stationed at Langley Field, Va., he transferred to Aldersgate Church, Hampton, and his wife and their two daughters joined on profession of faith in late 1961. The pastor, the Rev. Percy D. White, said the Cooper's request for affiliation was such that he did not realize for several weeks that it involved one of the famed astronauts.

Already active in post chapel programs, the family worshiped together without fanfare at Aldersgate for the several months before the flier's transfer to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Manned Space Flight Center at Houston, Tex. The pastor noted that Cooper's role in space was referred to publicly only once at the church. Late in 1962, the family transferred membership to First Church, Seabrook, Tex.

Aldersgate Church was among those which offered special prayers on Sunday, May 12, for Cooper in his adventure. Prayer vigils by groups also were planned.

Cooper is 36, the youngest of the seven astronauts. He and his wife were married in 1947. Their daughters are Camala 14 and Janita 13.

'Breakthru' Popular

BREAKTHRU, the Methodist Church's first television series for children, has been shown by more than 100 television stations across the U.S. during the first year of its release. On March 17 the series had been shown on 116 stations, a few using it more than once.

The Rev. Thomas D. Ryan, Jr., (left) executive director of Wesley Manor, explains some of the aspects of the Jacksonville District retirement community's construction to the Rev. J. Milburn McLeod, district superintendent. A scale model of Wesley Manor will be on display at Annual Conference. The construction will be completed in September, 1964.

Gordon Cooper

An Astronaut's Prayer

Father, thank you, especially for letting me fly this flight. Thank you for the privilege of being able to be in this position; to be up in this wondrous place, seeing all these many startling, wonderful things that you have created.

Help guide and direct all of us that we may shape our lives to be better Christians, trying to help one another, and to work with one another rather than fighting and bickering. Help us to complete this mission successfully. Help us in our future space endeavors that we may show the world that a democracy can compete, and still are able to do things in a big way, and are able to do research, development, and can conduct many scientific and technical programs.

Be with all our families. Give them guidance and encouragement, and let them know that everything will be okay. We ask in thy name. Amen.

(Prayer by Astronaut Gordon Cooper during his 17th orbit around the earth.)

June 9 Designated To Honor Students

Many Methodist churches will observe Methodist Student Day on Sunday, June 9, and give an offering that will go to a fund used by The Methodist Church for scholarships and loans for outstanding students.

Scholarships and loans are made to Methodist students considering various careers, not just those planning church-related vocations.

Last year, 475 Methodist students received scholarships of various types and amounts through the program, totaling more than $244,000. In addition 2,937 students borrowed $967,940 from the Methodist Student Loan Fund.

Doing God's Work as Teacher Brings Complete Satisfaction

Editor's Note: Helen C. Wolth is a deaconess who is curntly residing in Holly Hill while leave of absence. Her personal timony continues our series on 'hy I Am A Deaconess.")

A 14-year-old girl was attending r first young people's conferce. Her heart was strangely rmed during the consecration vice, and she publicly promd the Lord that she would give m her life for full-time Chrisn service.

She became a member of a ife Work Recruit" organization. hen she finished high school it emed necessary for her to help e family finances so that her o younger brothers might have chance to go to college. She ok a two-year teacher preparary course and began to teach public school. During all these ars she had been serving as a nday School teacher and workg in the youth organizations in r church. Her dream was not rgotten, but she had been peraded that she was filling a ssion in her home town and al church.

There came the day when she alized that she had lost someing from her life; that she was scontented; that she needed to t spiritual refreshment and get ck on the track. She chose to t it through further education a Christian college. Yes, the rd cares enough about His ildren to recall them when they se the way. That return to colge was the link in the chain of ents that finally led her to pply for a position as teacher in Methodist mission school — alough she was not a Methodist.

Her first year of teaching there ought her joy and satisfaction r beyond her greatest expectaons. She also learned of the ivilege of a permanent relaonship with the church that as open to Methodist women no had heard the call of God. ne came to know several "home issionaries" personally. Her year experience in a mission school, r observation of these missionies, and the sincere desire the ord had placed in her heart led er to apply for admission to the o m e missionary relationship. ter all the preliminary requireents were filled and she was

Miss Helen Wolfarth

accepted, she discovered that she was to be commissioned a deaconess rather than a home missionary. She thought there must be some mistake; she knew she had not attended any deaconess training school, but the Deaconess Board assured her she had met their requirements and commissioned her in June of 1947.

As she continued to serve the Lord and the church teaching Navajo Indian children the following years, she knew the most complete satisfaction of her life in her daily occupation. The sense of doing God's work in God's place for her in God's way permeated all her activities, guided her in her decisions, upheld her in difficult situations, and enabled her to live a victorious Christian life.

I, Helen Wolfarth, was that deaconess. Now that the call of family needs has temporarily separated me from a direct relationship with a church institution, I am most grateful that I may retain my deaconess relationship; that I can know that there will be a place for me to serve when I am no longer needed here. Then, too, knowing that God used my earlier experiences to fit me for the teaching of Navajos, I am sure that He must be planning to use these different ones to fit me for the tasks which lie ahead.

Many opportunities to serve and to give a Christian witness are open to me as a neighbor, as a deaconess in the local church, and in fellowship with the conference deaconesses. These keep me ever aware of the blessedness of belonging to the fellowship of those who are the deaconesses of The Methodist Church.

Teenager 'For Sale' At Evening Service

Palm Springs Church, Hialeah, offered a boy "for sale" at the Sunday evening service on April 21.

The Rev. A. E. Purviance, pastor, explained that the service was planned to make all youth conscious of the need for a wise choice in a Christian vocation. He said the service was inspiring but in no way sensational.

The name of the young man, Cheney C. (Bud) Brewen, 16-year-old sophomore at Hialeah High, and a member of the football team, was kept secret until the service began.

The young man came to the platform and was offered "for sale." A jury of six men was called to hear the case. The pastor then asked if anyone in the congregation wished to bid for the young man offered for sale.

A member of the church asked to speak, and he came to the pulpit and bid for the youth in the name of Christian business. An attorney followed, then a teacher, a minister, and a physician. Each had been asked to explain in four minutes why he felt the young man should enter his chosen profession.

The jury was sent out to "deliberate," returning shortly with the verdict that " . . . no decision is now or ever can be reached, and Cheney C. (Bud) Brewen shall have freedom to make his God-guided choice of a life's vocation."

This was the climactic moment of the service. Each man was thanked, and the benediction was pronounced.

"We do things differently here, Captain!"

Work in Gainesville District Centers Around Rural Church

The Gainesville District is largely a rural district. There are 75 organized churches in the district, and only five of them have more than 500 members.

Much of the work of the Rev. J. E. McKinley in his six years as superintendent of the Gainesville District has therefore centered around these small communities which formed the core of Methodism in its early days.

At Annual Conference Mr. McKinley will receive a new appointment since six years is the maximum term for a district superintendent.

He will leave a district altered in shape from the one he entered six years ago. The eastern portion of the old Gainesville District is now part of the two-year-old DeLand District. The district added several churches from the Tallahassee District in north central Florida and lost a few in its southwest corner to the St. Petersburg District.

During the six years Mr. McKinley provided leadership in the buying of property and organizing of four new churches — Flagler Beach (now in the DeLand District), Druid Hills-Ocala, Trinity-Gainesville, and Fort McCoy.

He received a new church from the Tallahassee District, Wesley Memorial in Lake City, which recently broke ground on its first unit — a $55,000 fellowship hall and temporary sanctuary.

Property has also been secured for a church at Rainbow Lake Estates, near Dunnellon.

One of the most noteworthy accomplishments in the district has been the purchase or construction of 14 new parsonages. Several of the churches have also built educational units during the six year period.

The Gainesville District was among the first to give general support to the "One Per Cent Plan" for assisting ministerial students. Tom Slade, Starke, district lay leader, was instrumental in building up support for the plan as a member of the Committee of 100 for Emory University. Last year 29 churches in the district contributed to the plan.

The McKinleys

Sarasota District Methodism Grows Rapidly in 6 Years

Development along the southwest coast of Florida has picked up momentum during the past six years, and the Methodist Church has expanded rapidly to keep up with it.

In his six years as district superintendent, the Rev. Harry H. Waller has organized 11 churches. In addition, there are five church sites ready for new congregations as soon as pastors, salaries and parsonages can be provided.

New churches organized include Christ, Bradenton; Wesley Memorial, Fort Myers; St. Johns, Sarasota; Vamo, Sarasota; Grace, Venice; Port Charlotte, Lehigh Acres, Harbor Heights, Cape Coral, North Port Charlotte and Gulf Tropical Acres.

Sites have been acquired at Siesta Key, Sarasota; Sebring Country Estates; West Bradenton, East Naples and North Naples. Two churches have been relocated during the six years. Lake Placid and Olga.

The development of a good lay program in the district is another achievement of the Sarasota District within the last six years. Men from the district have won the attendance trophy at the Methodist Men's Conferences for two straight years and have two well-supported retreats on the district level. Both the men's and women's groups have increased in district loyalty over the years.

Mr. Waller also feels that the district can take pride in the retirement home that it is sponsoring in Bradenton. The home is now in the advanced stages of planning.

One of the unique features of the district is the outstanding contribution made by retired Methodist ministers, many from out-of-state, who have taken the lead in forming new churches. Mr. Waller considers his 10 retired supply pastors as "top flight men."

At the other age extreme, the number of young children present at the annual picnic of the district's ministers shows that it has more than its share of young ministers.

Another aspect of the district's work that stands out in Mr. Waller's mind is its educational program

The Rev. and Mrs. Harry H. Waller

St. Petersburg District Is Focal Point of 'Big Church'

The St. Petersburg District is e focal point of the "big urch" in Florida Methodism.

At the beginning of the 1962- Conference Year the district d four of the 10 largest church- in the conference. Six other stricts had one large church ch to round out the list.

The Rev. Hoyt Tatum, who will mplete a six-year term as su- rintendent of the district, not- that the four churches— rist, Pasadena and First urch of St. Petersburg and rst Church, Clearwater, will ntribute approximately $100,- 0 in Advance Specials this year.

The churches all conduct ex- llent educational and leader- ip training programs, provid- g a challenge and an example r smaller churches within the strict.

Church membership within the strict has increased by 12,000 in e past six years, Sunday school rollment is up 3,000, and the oman's Society of Christian rvice has had a net increase of 2,000 members.

Mr. Tatum organized six new churches during the six years: Sylvan Abbey, Clearwater; Hudson; Union, Dunedin; Cross Bayou; St. Paul, Largo; and Pinellas Park.

Virtually every church within the district has made a major improvement during the six years, Mr. Tatum said, including new sanctuaries, educational buildings, first units, or parsonages.

Nearly 150 young people are presently under cultivation by the district's Christian vocations committee and 55 to 60 attend its annual banquet.

Jim Hamilton and Bill Cleveland, sons of two of the districts more prominent ministers, plan to enter the ministry. The Rev. David Hortin, son of the Rev. Paul Hortin, has returned to the district to start the new St. Paul Church in Largo. Mr. Tatum's own son, Bill, is at Scarritt College training for service in Christian education.)

The Tatums

$750,000 Fine Arts Center Proposed at Southern

Plans have been announced for $750,000 Fine Arts Center at orida Southern College as a emorial to the late Ludd M. ivey, president of the institu- on for 32 years.

Tentative plans call for the oposed memorial to be located the Johnson Avenue side of e campus near the new anscomb Auditorium. The two ildings would be separated by memorial garden.

The present Music Building ould be redesigned and incorporated in the Spivey center.

Units of the new structure would include facilities for music, painting, crafts, drama, an exhibit area, workshop, classrooms and a 400-seat lecture hall.

"Such a center would be a most fitting monument to Dr. Spivey on the campus that he loved and developed," said Dr. Charles T. Thrift, Jr., president of Florida Southern.

"Dr. Spivey, of course, was chiefly responsible for the buildings we have, including the renowned Frank Lloyd Wright structures," Thrift added, "but he never realized his dream of a Fine Arts Center."

He cited a letter Mr. Spivey wrote shortly after his retirement in 1957, which stated: "You will need in the next few years to add an auditorium large enough to seat the entire student body, a new facility for athletics, and a fine arts center of which I have dreamed for years, adequate in size to provide for the college program in arts, crafts and drama."

Construction of the auditorium, the gift of Florida Methodists, had started before Mr. Spivey died December 27 in West Palm Beach.

The college does not plan a public campaign to raise money for the proposed center.

"Instead, it is our hope that former students and other friends of Dr. Spivey will contribute to the building fund," Mr. Thrift said.

"He was vitally interested in young people and made it possible for hundreds of students to come to Florida Southern who otherwise would have been unable to go to college," Mr. Thrift added.

Epperson Memorial Church, Jacksonville, was dedicated on May 19 by Bishop Henley. The sanctuary was started in 1957 and the first service was held in March, 1958. The Rev. John E. Rice, pastor, invited two former ministers at the church, the Rev. Fred Sanders and the Rev. O. C. Howell, to preach at the two morning services on the dedication day.

Program of Florida Annual Conference, Lakeland, June 4-8

Tuesday, June 4

9:00 A.M.—Conference Session
- Episcopal Message—Bishop James W. Henley
- Address of Welcome—Clare M. Cotton and Charles T. Thrift, Jr.
- Organization of Conference
- Reports:
  - (1) District Superintendents' Composite Report—Hoyt Tatum
  - (2) Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service—Mrs. David R. Thurman, President
  - (3) Conference Lay Leader—R. Howard Berg
- Question 28 "Who are admitted into full Connection?"
- First Ballot for Delegates to General Conference

12:20 P.M.—Adjournment

12:45 P.M.—College and Seminary Luncheons
- (1) Asbury—College Heights Methodist Church
- (2) Drew—College Private Dining Room. No. 1
- (3) Duke—College Private Dining Room. No. 2

2:30 P.M.—Conference Session
- Devotions
- Question 19 "Are all the ministers blameless in life and official administration?" — Each Superintendent will answer for ministers serving in his district.
- Reports:
  - (1) Conference Planning Commission—George A. Foster, Executive Secretary
  - (2) Conference Statistician—M. E. Myer

4:30 P.M.—Adjournment

4:45 P.M.—Guided tour of Branscomb Memorial Building, Florida Southern College

W. McFERRIN STOWE

. . . Conference Preacher

9 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

. . . Evangelism night, 7:30 p.m. Thursday

Dr. William McFerrin Stowe will preach at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and speak Thursday night. He is pastor of St. Luke's Church in Oklahoma City — Methodism's second largest church with nearly 7,000 members. A graduate of Hendrix College, he holds the B.D. degree from Duke and the Ph.D. from Boston University.

5:30 P.M.—Maverick Club Dinner—College Private Dining Room, No. 1

7:30 P.M.—Conference Session
- The Conference Memorial Service—W. A. Myres, Presiding
- Memorial Address—Gaylon L. Howe, Pastor, Riverside Park Methodist Church, Jacksonville, Florida
- Service of Holy Communion—Administered by Bishop James W. Henley and the District Superintendents

TRACEY K. JONES, JR.

. . . Missions night

7:30 p.m. Wednesday

Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., former missionary in China and Malaya, is associate general secretary of the Division of World Missions, Methodist Board of Missions. A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, which also awarded him an honorary doctorate, he received his B.D. degree at Yale. He is the author of **Our Mission Today**, current church-wide mission study book.

Wednesday, June 5

7:30 A.M.—Bishop's Breakfast for candidates for On-Trial and Full Connection—College Dining Room, No. 1

9:00 A.M.—Conference Session
- Sermon—Dr. W. McFerrin Stowe, Pastor, St. Luke's Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Reports:
  - (1) Board of Ministerial Training and Qualifications—A. Dale Hagler, Chairman, and Joe Jones, Registrar
    - Disciplinary Questions 21-34 of Paragraph 651
  - (2) Committee on Conference Relations, H. S. Austin, Chairman

11:30 A.M.—Service of Recognition for the Retired ministers of the Conference—Bishop James W. Henley

12:30 P.M.—Adjournment

12:45 P.M.—College and Seminary Luncheons
- (1) Emory—Morrison Cafeteria
- (2) Boston—College Private Dining Room, No. 1
- (3) Garrett—College Private Dining Room, No. 2

2:30 P.M.—Conference Session
- Devotions
- Service for the 75th Anniversary of the Deaconess Order in the Methodist Church—Harold E. Buell, Presiding
- Report of Family Life Committee—Louie B. Blackwell, Chairman

4:30 P.M.—Adjournment

4:45 P.M.—Guided tour of the Branscomb Memorial Building, Florida Southern College

5:30 P.M.—Rural Fellowship Banquet — College Cafeteria, "S" Room

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:30 P.M.—Conference Session
Ordination Service for Deacon's Orders, Bishop James W. Henley in charge
Report of the Board of Missions—E. J. Pendergrass, Chairman
Anniversary Service of the Board of Missions
Address—Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., Associate General Secretary of the Division of World Missions of the Methodist Board of Missions

Thursday, June 6

:30 A.M.—Florida Southern College Alumni Breakfast, College Cafeteria, "S" room
:00 A.M.—Conference Session
Sermon—Dr. W. McFerrin Stowe
Reports:
(1) Board of Education—Walter N. Kalaf, Chairman
(2) Florida Southern College—Charles T. Thrift, Jr., President
(3) Church Extension—Henry W. Blackburn, Executive Secretary
(4) Calendar—Milton H. Wyatt, Chairman
:20 P.M.—Adjournment
:45 P.M.—Luncheons
(1) Conference Ministers' Wives, Wesley Memorial Methodist Church
(2) Conference Historical Board, College Private Dining Room, No. 1
(3) Military Chaplains, College Private Dining Room, No. 2
:30 P.M.—Conference Session
Devotions
Reports:
(1) Board of Pensions—Fred L. Martin, Chairman
(2) Preachers' Relief Board—E. Nash Philpot, Chairman

ISHOP M. LAFAYETTE HARRIS
. . Work of Central Jurisdiction
11:20 a.m. Friday

Bishop M. Lafayette Harris, Atlanta, is resident bishop of the Atlantic Coast Area, which includes our Florida Negro Methodist churches. Prior to his election to the bishopric in 1960 he was president of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark. A graduate of Clark College, he hold the B.D. degree from Gammon Seminary, the S.T.M. from Boston University and the Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

(3) Group Insurance—Bruce F. Gannaway
(4) Blue Cross—C. B. Callaway
(5) Florida Conference Brotherhood —Lee W. Davidson, Jr., Chairman
(6) Florida Council of Churches—Jack A. Davis, Executive Secretary
4:30 P.M.—Adjournment
5:30 P.M.—Dinners and Banquets
(1) Deaconess Board—College Heights Methodist Church
(2) Directors of Christian Education, College Private Dining Room, No. 1

LeROY COLLINS
. . . Christian Social Concerns
Friday morning

The Hon. LeRoy Collins, former governor of Florida, is president of the National Associational of Broadcasters, Washington, D.C. A graduate of Rollins College, he received his law degree from Cumberland University and holds an honorary doctorate from Florida Southern. He is an active Episcopalian.

7:30 P.M.—Conference Session
Ordination Service for Elder's Orders—Bishop James W. Henley in charge
Report of the Board of Evangelism—Lewis N. Head, Chairman
Anniversary Service of the Board of Evangelism
Address—Dr. W. McFerrin Stowe

Friday, June 7

9:00 A.M.—Conference Session
Sermon—Dr. W. McFerrin Stowe
Report of the Board of Social Concerns—Walter B. Rutland, Chairman
Address—The Honorable LeRoy Collins, former Governor of the State of Florida
11:20 A.M.—Address, "The Work of the Central Jurisdiction in Florida"—Bishop M. Lafayette Harris, Atlantic Coast Area, Central Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church
12:20 P.M.—Adjournment
12:45 P.M.—Luncheon in honor of the Fraternal Delegates of Churches of Wesleyan Heritage — College Private Dining Room, No. 1
2:30 P.M.—Conference Session
Devotions
Message from Fraternal Delegates of Churches of Wesleyan Heritage—Dr. William G. Hawk, Superintendent of the Florida Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church
Reports:
(1) Stewardship—John M. Sikes, Conference Secretary of Stewardship
(2) Town and County Commission—Dan M. Gill, Chairman

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(3) Urban Life—Harold E. Buell, Chairman
(4) Florida Conference Historical Society—John A. Briley, Chairman

4:30 P.M.—Adjournment
5:30 P.M.—Annual Dinner Meeting of the Conference Board of Lay Activities—College Private Dining Room, No. 1
7:30 P.M.—Conference Session
Presentation of the "Growth and Expansion Program for Conference year 1963-64 in color slide pictures—George A. Foster
Anniversary of Conference Board of Lay Activities—R. H. Berg, Presiding
Address—Dr. Andrew D. Holt, President, University of Tennessee

Saturday, June 8

9:00 A.M.—Conference Session
Devotions—Bishop James W. Henley

WILLIAM G. HAWK
. . . EUB leader in Florida
2:30 p.m. Friday

Dr. William G. Hawk is District Superintendent of the Florida Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, and pastor of the High Point EUB church near Clearwater. He is serving as spokesman for all fraternal delegates of our common Wesleyan heritage.

ANDREW D. HOLT
. . . Layman's Night
7:30 p.m. Friday

Dr. Andrew D. Holt is president of the University of Tennessee. A past president of the National Education Association, he has held numerous other state and national offices, and is a member of the Official Board and Church Street Methodist Church, Knoxville. He is a graduate of Emory University, and received his master's and doctor's degree at Columbia University.

Reports:
(1) World Service and Finance—Raymond A. Alley, Chairman
(2) Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information — Harris G. Sims, Chairman
a. **Florida Methodist**—Jack Detweiler, Editor
b. Methodist Information—O. B. Fanning, Director
(3) Christian Vocations—W. L. Joyner, Chairman
(4) Hospitals and Homes—Morton McDonald, Chairman
(5) Florida Methodist Children's Home—Bascom W. Carlton, Superintendent

11:00 A.M.—Reading of Pastoral Assignments
12:00 —Adjournment

Ormond Beach Has Active Year in Field of Christian Social Concerns

The Commission on Christian Social Relations at Ormond Beach Church compiled a noteworthy record of achievement during its first year of existence.

Under the leadership of the Rev. H. C. Ritter, chairman, the commission was divided into three subcommittees: Temperance and General Welfare, Peace and World Order, and Human Relations.

The subcommittee on temperance sponsored Commitment Day in December and also attempted to foster interest in the Christian Service Center for rehabilitation of alcoholics among church members and in the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Leaflets on temperance and human relations were inserted periodically by the commission in Sunday bulletins.

For observance of Race Relations Sunday in February, the commission assisted in bringing Dr. Wright Speer, president of the University of South Carolina, to the church for a challenging sermon entitled: "How's the Family?"

The Methodist Youth Fellowship had Dr. Richard Moore, president of Bethune-Cookman College, for its speaker the week before Race Relations Sunday. The January program of the Woman's Society's general meeting featured a biracial panel discussion on the theme: "What Shall We Tell Our Children About Race?"

One of the most unique projects of the year was a "Freedom Day" program held on May 1, with about 100 persons in attendance. Twenty-five questions on communism, socialism and the church were prepared and distributed for the discussion period which followed an hour's presentation by a panel composed of a senior high school teacher of the course on communism prescribed by the State of Florida, a junior high school teacher of history, a retired minister who teaches an adult Sunday school class, and the commission chairman.

On the Sunday preceding May 1, a study of communism was made in the youth and adult classes. In the two church services, the Rev. Louie B. Blackwell, pastor, preached a sermon on "Communism or Christianity."

The needs of the migrant workers and Cuban refugees are currently under study by the commission. It is planning a Labor Day observance stressing the slogan: "Equal Pay for Equal Work."

Continuing programs and goals include investigation of indecent magazines sold on local newsstands, study of the needs of poor people in the community, and plans for World Order Day next October.

Shown above are participants in the First Church, Bradenton, mission Sunday school in the community of Samoset on April 21. The school has been meeting since last November.

ssion Sunday School tablished at Samoset

irst Church, Bradenton, has ablished a successful mission day school that meets Sunday rnings at the Samoset Comnity Club House. A worship vice is held there Sunday evegs.

. D. Goods, a certified lay aker, has been appointed by Rev. Harry H. Waller, Sara- a district superintendent, to rk with the Sunday school un- June 1.

ther leaders in this extension gram are Malcolm Duggan, irman of the board of trustees First Church, and Casper rp, chairman of the commis- n on education.

ited Presbyterians pose School Prayers

he United Presbyterian rch's general assembly, meet- in Des Moines, Iowa, went on ord as opposed to many stands ch other denominations are ocating.

y a voice vote the assembly pted a controversial report ting the 3,200,000 members of church in opposition to yer and Bible reading in pub- schools, Sunday closing laws, tax privileges for churches ministers.

resbyterians were urged not to am their religion down their ghbor's throat" by advocating h practices as Bible reading prayer in public classrooms.

New Church Organized In Sarasota District

Friendship Community Methodist Church was organized by the Rev. Harry H. Waller, Sarasota District superintendent, on May 19 at Tropical Gulf Acres in Punta Gorda.

The church is the 13th new congregation to be organized in the Florida Conference this year. A class of 51 members formed the church. There were 85 persons present.

The pastor of the church is the Rev. W. H. Bransford from Indiana.

Polk County Voters Legalize Liquor Sales

Polk County voters on May 21 approved the sale of liquor in the county, ending 76 years of prohibition and terminating its status as the largest "dry" county in Florida.

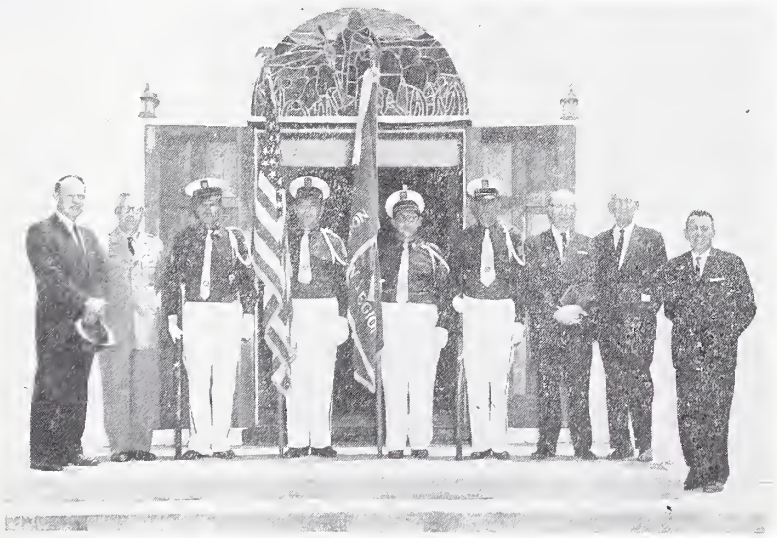
In Polk County the unofficial vote was 25,211 for liquor sales and 22,803 against, not counting 1,213 absentee ballots which could not change the outcome of the election.

The "wets" conducted a heavily-financed campaign under the leadership of Dick Pope, owner of Cypress Gardens. The defeat was a bitter setback to the Polk County Christian Action League.

The Rev. C. M. Cotton, pastor of First Church, Lakeland, and chairman of the Christian Action League, declared following the vote:

"The cause of righteousness, in my judgment, has gone down to defeat in Polk, but not by way of surrender. Our flag is still flying and 'the day comes when judgment will run down as waters and righteousness as a mighty stream.' For all the wet voters I have a deep sense of sorrow because 'God is not mocked. Whatever we sow, that will we reap.'

"These people today have done some sad sowing. There will be a harvest, and, alas, so many youths will help reap this harvest. May God have mercy on us all."



City and military officials were on hand at Interbay Church, Tampa, to greet D. Stewart Patterson, general secretary of the Commission on Camp Activities on April 28. From left are: Mayor Julian P. Lane of Tampa; Gen. Charles Chase, chief of staff, U. S. STRIKE COMMAND; American Legion Post 5 Color Guard; Mr. Patterson; A. T. Rollins, Tampa councilman; and the Rev. Charles Hutchins, pastor

News From The Churches

APPOINTED TO STATEWIDE POST

The Rev. Royal A. Rice, associate pastor of Melrose Park Church, Fort Lauderdale, has been appointed grand chaplain of the Masons in Florida.

. . . At Fort Myers

CENTRAL CHURCH BUYS PARSONAGE

Central Church, Fort Myers, recently purchased a $21,000 parsonage which is now serving as the home for the family of the Rev. Robert D. Knight, pastor.

MOTHERS HONORED WITH NEW SONG

A new song, "Mother Love," was written especially for the Mother's Day observance at White Temple Church, Miami. Composers of the song are Miss Laura Cushman, sister of the choir director, and Miss Catherine Christie.

NINTH PAINTING UNVEILED

Unveiling of a new painting, "Christ the Light of the World," highlighted the Mother's Day service at Miami Springs Church. The painting is the ninth in a series on the life of Christ being done for the church by Gwen de Castro.

CHURCH HONORS RETIRING PASTOR

Christ Church, Miami, held a reception on May 23 honoring the Rev. and Mrs. James Edward Statham. Mr. Statham, who has served as pastor of Christ Church for the past four years, will retire from the active ministry at Annual Conference. The Stathams will make their future home at Boca Raton. He has served 42½ years in the active ministry of the Methodist Church, transferring to Florida from the North Georgia Conference in 1932.

. . . At Sanford

GRACE ACQUIRES NEW PARSONAGE

Grace Church, Sanford, acquired a new parsonage on May 1. The three-bedroom, two-bath home with Florida room is situated on a lovely corner lot. Pastor of the church is the Rev. John H. Hires, Jr.

ALDERSGATE MEDALLION DEDICATED

A seven-inch bronze medallion bearing th symbol of the World Methodist Council and th words, "I felt my heart strangely warmed" wa placed in First Church, Clermont, at an Aldersgat Anniversary Service on May 24. Dr. E. R. Cantwell lay leader, made the presentation to the pastor, th Rev. H. T. Heitzenrater. The Rev. Darold Storm Lake Alfred, was the preacher at the "Service o Renewal."

PARENTS HONORED AT BANQUET

The Junior High MYF at First Church, Boca Raton, honored their parents at a banquet on Apri 28, presenting a program entitled "Belonging to the Greatest." Purpose of the evening was to inform the parents of the goals of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and to enlist closer participation between the youth and their parents in the organization.

. . . Burning mortgage

NORTHWOOD DEDICATES BUILDING

Northwood Church, West Palm Beach, dedicated its educational building and social hall on May 6 in services led by the Rev. Laurie G. Ray, district superintendent. The Rev. Sidney H. Davies reports that this is the first time in a number of years that the church has been out of a building debt. At a meeting following the service, plans for future building were discussed. The church has already oversubscribed a $100,000 goal for a new sanctuary and ground will be broken for it in October. The next phase of the program will be a 17-room two-story educational addition, and the third phase will be a new parsonage. Pictured (from left) burning the mortgage are: E. E. Van Scoy, building committee chairman; Mr. Davies; Mrs. Stella Newlon, past treasurer of the building fund; Mr. Ray; and Edward M. Eissey, building committee member.

PARSONAGE NEARS COMPLETION

The Rev. A. A. Koestline, pastor, reports that Allapattah Church, Miami, will have a new $27,000 parsonage ready for occupancy by June 1.

A portrait of Harry Denman, painted by Warner Sallman, has been hung in the lobby of the General Board of Evangelism building in Nashville. Shown with the portrait are Mr. Denman, general secretary of the board, and Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma City, board president. Sallman is the artist who painted the "Head of Christ," which is said to be the most popular art work in the world.

JACKSONVILLE—

Lakewood Meets Success in Building Crusade

akewood Church in Jackson-
e has just completed a build-
g crusade for $120,000 toward a
w sanctuary and fellowship hall
ucational building.

One hundred and fifty members
the church served as ambassa-
rs and workers in the campaign
at raised $120,795 in pledges
der the leadership of the Rev.
mes Bartlett of the Division of
tional Missions.

When the church has $30,000
cash, it will borrow $250,000
erect the new sanctuary and
uth fellowship hall educational
ilding.

The Rev. Alva H. Brock, pastor, said the church plans another crusade in three years to raise the additional amount needed to pay off the entire indebtedness.

The new sanctuary will seat 384 in the pews, 40 in the choir and 50 as an overflow in the vestibule. The new two-story youth fellowship building includes a fellowship hall that will seat 300. The building also contains 10 classrooms, two offices, and a large lounge and recreation room for the youth.

Present membership of the church is 740 with 119 joining since last June. Co-chairmen for the building crusade were J. C. Bone and R. E. Keekes.

inister From Panama
Train at Hyde Park

Hyde Park Church, Tampa, will
ve the Rev. Francisco Pitty,
nama, as associate pastor for
months starting in mid-June.

The overseas pastor is serving
a training program sponsored
the Division of World Missions
ich brings together leading
nisters from Methodist and
thodist-related churches for
months of study and field work
American churches.

It is intended that the overseas
nister will enter fully into the
storal duties of the church, in-
ding preaching, teaching, pas-
al calling, church administra-
n and counseling.

Moves To California

The Rev. George E. Farrar, who served as pastor in Florida for 30 years, wrote recently of his move from Melrose to California. He says he is staying in a retirement home in Chula Vista, Calif., and follows the news of the Florida Conference with great interest through the **Florida Methodist.**

OOPS!

Major errors cropped up in two stories appearing in the May 15 issue of the **Florida Methodist,** which we would like to correct.

Centenary Church, Quincy, was referred to as First Church in the article describing the lovely and historic Southern mansion that serves as the church's parsonage. For the past six years it has served as home for the family of the Rev. and Mrs. Eugene West.

In the article about the selection of delegates for General Conference, there is one reference to eight ministerial and lay delegates and one reference to seven delegates from the Florida Conference. There will be eight—one more than four years ago—because of the conference's growth.

At another point the article indicated that a lay delegate had to be a member of a Methodist Church in the Florida Conference for the past four years. Actually, he is eligible if he has been a Methodist anywhere for four years and is now a member of a church within the Florida Conference.

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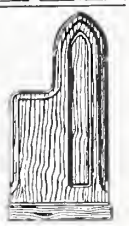

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Protestants To Aid Catholic Refugees

Church World Service, relief agency of the National Council of Churches, will begin assisting the Catholic relief agency in resettlement of Cuban refugees from Miami.

The cooperative effort was agreed upon when the Protestant relief agency found more sponsors for refugees than it had applicants. It decided to make these opportunities available to Catholic Relief Services.

Inherent in the agreement is an understanding that the Protestant sponsors will not intrude in any way with regard to the religious beliefs and practices of the refugees.

Protestant relief workers have resettled almost 11,000 of the 13,103 Cubans who have come to them for assistance. The Catholic agency has resettled approximately 35,000 of 109,968 seeking its assistance.

Christian Summer Camp for Girls

Camp Mekatina, 3400 feet up in the Blue Ridge Mountains, is a spiritual haven for girls of ages 6-18. Operated by a Baptist pastor and his wife, specially trained in camp and school activities.

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Church membership in the Cape Canaveral area seems to climb at a speed rivaled only by the astronauts themselves. Here the Rev. O. V. Hitchcock, pastor of First Church, Melbourne, appears with part of 66 new members joining the church on Easter Sunday. He has received over 1400 new members in his eight-year pastorate.

'Florida Methodist' Likely To Receive 800 Less Subscriptions Than Year Ago

Circulation to the **Florida Methodist** appears likely to drop approximately 800 subscriptions lower than a year ago for the 1962-63 Conference Year.

Subscriptions received through May 20 totaled 8,777. Within the Florida Conference there were 8,704 paid subscriptions, divided among the districts as follows:

DeLand	464
Gainesville	581
Jacksonville	1430
Lakeland	1083
Miami	838
Orlando	1203
Sarasota	484
St. Petersburg	744
Tallahassee	567
Tampa	609
W. Palm Beach	701

There were eight churches with over 100 paid subscribers during the year. They are First Church, Orlando, and Seminole Church, St. Petersburg, both 157; First Church, St. Petersburg, 127; First Church, Tampa, 126; First Church, Jacksonville, 124; College Park, Orlando, 121; First Church, Kissimmee, 118; and First Church, Pompano Beach, 107.

There were 124 churches qualifying for "1 in 10" churches through May 20 (subscriptions equal to one-tenth of the church membership on June 1, 1962).

The number for each district is recorded below along with those "1 in 10" churches added to our honor roll since April 1.

DeLAND DISTRICT (8)

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT (19)

Druid Hills, Ocala

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT (15)

Peeler

Wesconnett

LAKELAND DISTRICT (25)

Clermont

MIAMI DISTRICT (6)

ORLANDO DISTRICT (14)

Epworth, Orlando

Grace, Merritt Island

SARASOTA DISTRICT (5)

Tice, Fort Myers

ST. PETERSBURG DISTRICT (5)

TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT (13)

Forest Hills, Quincy

TAMPA DISTRICT (7)

Cork

WEST PALM BEACH DISTRICT (7)

SUBSCRIPTION RATE REDUCED

The annual subscription price for the Florida Methodist during the 1963-64 Conference Year will be $1.50 for all subscribers.

The Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information voted to discontinue the $2.00 rate in favor of the $1.50 rate now being paid by "1 in 10" churches—churches with subscriptions equal to one-tenth of their membership.

The commission voted the change in order to reduce confusion over the proper subscription rate for each church and in conjunction with a concerted effort to bring all churches in the conference up to a "1 in 10" status during the 1963-64 Conference Year.

Members of St. John's Church, Tampa, use a plow to break ground on a new educational wing of the church. The man at the plow is W. W. Lane, Sr., chairman of the building committee and a charter member of the church when it was organized in 1950.

t. John's Church egins Construction

St. John's Church, Tampa, broke ound on a new Sunday school ing on April 21 — using a plow turn the earth.

The Rev. William A. Fisackerly I, pastor, said the building will two stories high with four assrooms on the first floor and ur on the second.

The building is designed to fit to the total church plan for the 3-member congregation.

Irs. Doris Buhrman oins Magazine Staff

Mrs. Doris J. Buhrman has ac-pted a position with the **Flor-a Methodist,** beginning July 1. ne has resigned her post as di-ctor of Christian education at rist Church, St. Petersburg, and moving to Lakeland.

Mrs. Buhrman is the widow of e Rev. A. Ronk Buhrman who ed in DeLand, where he was astor of Trinity Church. Mrs. uhrman served as youth direct- and church secretary at Trin- until 1955, when she moved to . Petersburg to begin service at rist Church.

Return from Taiwan

The Rev. and Mrs. Franklin P. Smith, missionaries to Taiwan, will arrive in Florida in the latter part of June. They will be visiting their families until August, when they will go to Durham, North Carolina, where Mr. Smith will be in school at Duke University for a year. Mr. Smith served at one time as associate pastor of First Church, Clearwater.

CALENDAR

June 3—Board of Ministerial Training, Methodist Building, Lakeland, 9 a.m.

June 3—Board of Missions, First Methodist Church, Lakeland, 1 p.m.

June 3—Board of Education, First Methodist Church, Lakeland (afternoon).

June 3—Conference Planning Commission, First Methodist Church, Lakeland, 4:30 p.m.

June 4-8—Florida Annual Conference, First Methodist Church, Lakeland, 9 a.m. daily.

June 9—Methodist Student Day.

June 10-July 20—Junior High Conference Camps at Youth Camp, Leesburg.

June 10-Aug. 20—Junior High Rustic Camps at Youth Camp, Leesburg.

June 17-20—Church Music Workshop, Florida Southern College.

June 23—World Service Sunday in the Church School.

June 30—Offering for The Florida Methodist Children's Home and The Sara Hunt Methodist Children's Home.

Chaplains To Meet During Conference

One of the features of this year's Annual Conference will be a luncheon meeting of military and other chaplains at 12:45 p.m. Thursday in the private dining room of Florida Southern College.

Speaker for the event will be the Rev. Fred Heather of the Methodist Commission on Chaplains, Washington, D.C. Invited to attend are the Cabinet, active duty chaplains, civilian pastors active in the reserve chaplain program, retired chaplains, and institutional chaplains. Cost of the meal is $1.50.

The chaplains will also be recognized on the conference floor Thursday afternoon and both active and inactive duty men are asked to be in uniform at that time.

Sockman To Speak At Wesleyan College

The Rev. Ralph Sockman, minister, author, lecturer and presently director of the Hall of Fame for Great Americans at New York University, has chosen "Training for New Trends" as the subject of his commencement address at Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., on June 3 at 9:30 a.m.

Expansion Completed

Six Protestant denominations, including Methodists, have completed a major expansion program at the Missionary Orientation Center, Stony Point, N.Y., for the training of missionaries.

New buildings, costing $650,000, were dedicated on April 18.

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AND FELLOWSHIP HALL—

First Church, Jacksonville, To Build New Sanctuary

First Church, Jacksonville, oversubscribed a $225,000 goal by a substantial margin during the week of May 8-14 in a campaign to build a new sanctuary and fellowship hall.

The Rev. Robert M. Blackburn, pastor, said a total of $242,107 was subscribed during the week. In addition to this, a gift of $50,000 for a new organ was pledged by one family — making a total of $292,107 pledged over a three-year period.

Mr. Blackburn said $214,000 was pledged at a "Day of Destiny" banquet on May 9 and the balance was received from subscriptions secured by a team of 140 workers.

C. E. Moorman was chairman of the fund campaign and the Rev. Laurie G. Ray, West Palm Beach, was campaign director.

The total estimated cost of the building is $350,000, including furnishings and air-conditioning. The present educational building will be renovated to provide space for the new fellowship hall.

First Church is the oldest congregation of any denomination in Jacksonville. It was organized in 1828, although services date back to 1823 when they were started by a visiting Methodist circuit rider.

The new sanctuary will be of colonial design with a steeple reaching 120 feet high. The seating capacity will be 679. It will be built on the site of the present sanctuary, which has a basic foundation dating back to 1890. The 1178-member church has undergone two rebuilding programs due to fires in 1901 and 1929.

PROPOSED DESIGN OF NEW SANCTUARY

FSU Junior To Attend National Conference

Emily Beals of North Miami, a junior at Florida State University, Tallahassee, will be the Florida representative at the national conference of the Methodist Student movement June 16-22 at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, O.

She is state president of the Methodist Student Movement, which numbers 8,000 members at Florida colleges and universities.

Her appointment as state delegate was announced by Miss Eulalie Ginn of Lakeland, director of student and adult work for the Florida Methodist Conference.

5th Music Workshop Slated for June 17-20

The Fifth Annual Church Music Workshop, sponsored by the Conference Board of Education and Florida chapter of the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians (NaFOMM), will be held June 17-20 at Florida Southern College.

Leadership for the workshop will be furnished by several outstanding directors of music in the Florida Conference as well as Dr. Homes Ambrose of Nashville, Tenn., who will serve as resource leader.

Robert O. Hoffelt, Jacksonville, is dean of the workshop. Other leaders include Jesse Baker, Walter James, Frances Scott and Grant Pulen.

The workshop is designed for volunteer and professional church musicians and for those in the local church who are related to the church's music program.

Classes include choir repertoire, organ technics, choral technics, music in worship, music in the total church program, music in the Christian year, and others.

Retirement Home Receives Tax Refund

Circuit Judge C. Richard Leavengood of St. Petersburg ha directed Pinellas County Tax Collector O. Sanford Jasper to refun $29,406.96 in real estate taxes pai "under protest" by the St. Petersburg Methodist Home, Inc. (Sunny Shores Villas).

Judge Leavengood noted tha the home is exempt from Florid sales taxes and federal income taxes as a charitable institution A year ago the tax assessor o Pinellas County began assessing the retirement home as a profit-making institution on the basis o its $5,000 to $7,000 "founder' fee" and $150 monthly charge paid by its occupants.

Judge Leavengood found, however, that the home operates a a deficit and that the home' charter requires that any income it receives above operating cost should go for improving th home's facilities.

The decision has implication for other church-related retirement homes in Florida.

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Bishop Henley and 1963-64 District Superintendents

Front row (from left): Joe A. Tolle, DeLand; C. M. Cotton, Miami; Bishop Henley; Bruce F. Gannaway, Orlando; J. M. McLeod, Jacksonville; and Laurie G. Ray, West Palm Beach. Back row (from left): Durward McDonell, Tampa; John M. Sikes, Gainesville; Fred L. Martin, Sarasota; C. Eugene West, St. Petersburg; Robert C. Holmes, Tallahassee; John J. Rooks, Lakeland.

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The Bishop Calls—

(In place of Bishop Henley's regular letter to the readers of the Florida Methodist, we are publishing the following excerpts from his Episcopal Message at the Florida Annual Conference.)

The Church School . . .

. . . There is reason for continued concern with regard to both enrollment and average attendance in our Sunday Schools. Despite our resolutions of a year ago envisioning the expansion of our Church School program and increase in average attendance, our progress continues to lag far behind our growth in church membership. Deficiencies in this area do not disturb us because of statistical pride. We are admittedly pleased when our conference excells in any area of effort to reach and influence people on behalf of our Lord. But the Church School is the one agency on the local level primarily dedicated to the interpretation of the Scriptures and the definition of Scriptural Holiness.

Even in large congregations which provide directors of Christian education on the staff, the minister remains the key. Unless he gives the educational program his enthusiastic support, his attentive study, his administrative leadership, and his promotional ability, it is destined to languish. Dedicated church school superintendents are indispensable. In many instances fresh and enthusiastic new leadership must be enlisted and the church school superintendent, who is aware that his effectiveness in his job will determine the welfare of the church and will indeed profoundly influence the lives of children and youth, will give time and talent unsparingly to his assignment.

No matter how many students are enrolled and attend the church school, its effectiveness will be negligible unless the teachers are devoutly committed to the faithful interpretation of our Christian faith and doctrine. Their lives must be above reproach. Their zeal must be inspired by the love of Christ. And their attention to the welfare and growth of their classes must be a seven day a week involvement.

Social Concerns . . .

These are tumultuous days in the history of mankind. They call for mature, objective thinking. This, in many respects, is not the same world we lived in 20 years ago and it cannot be lived in after the same fashion . . .

It is still 25,000 miles around the globe, but they are short miles now. And the peoples of the earth, most of whom are hungry and ignorant and unimaginably poor, are now self-conscious and proud and nationalistic and determined. It is a small community in which men are forced by circumstances, if not by religious faith, to live together in mutual respect and brotherhood or die at each other's hands.

It is our belief that the Christian faith alone provides the way and the motive adequate for such times as these. Christians above all others should be those who march out to meet the new day with faith and to greet their fellow men with brotherly encouragement. This is what our missionary endeavors have envisioned since the first ambassador of the Cross set out to carry the Good News to the far flung corners of the earth.

While the benighted peoples of earth strive to discover a new and better way of life, we are painfully aware of evolutionary processes within our own society. We should not be surprised that the world looks to those who profess the Christian faith for guidance and example in troublous times. Rather, we should be inspired by

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inesville District bids fare-l to the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Kinley, ending his six-year m as district superintendent.

Portions of Bishop Henley's Episcopal Message

(Continued from page 2)

the anticipation with which the world about us looks for some evidence of the spirit of Jesus in a country where church spires lift the cross toward heaven in every town and village and along every country lane.

Church members are in the majority in this country. And they should be a mighty voice of reconciliation and understanding and good will. This neighborhood, the world, must learn to be neighborly. This family, the children of God, must learn the meaning of brotherhood.

Such a day as this calls for the Spirit of Christ, and wisdom, and mutual understanding, and patience. If any of these are lacking, woe be unto us all.

Freedom of the Pulpit . . .

The minister is called to preach the Word of God. It is an awesome responsibility. His task is to take the revelation of God from in the Holy Scriptures and to bring it to life in the presence of the congregation. It is not enough that he shall interpret the historical elements of the Scriptures or declare their content alone. He is to present them as comfort to the broken-hearted, consolation to the lonely, hope for the oppressed, chastisement for the sinner, guidance for the bewildered, redemption for the penitent.

The minister is commissioned to seek through study and prayer insights into the mind of Christ which are applicable to the life of his people. It is expected of him that he shall speak of justice and judgment. He must interpret the spirit of Christ with relationship to the day in which we live. He must speak boldly, though in Christian love, wherever there is sin, wherever there is injustice. This he must do for his own soul's sake. This we must guarantee him, or we lose respect for his calling.

It is not required that the person in the pew agree with every word uttered by his minister. Indeed, I think I should regret to find myself listening to a man Sunday after Sunday who never failed to confirm my opinions or my prejudices. As my minister he is called to lead me into a clear understanding of what it means to follow the Christ of Galilee. I may not agree with his interpretations, sometimes, but I must defend his freedom. And I must say to myself, "Now, I find myself not liking this. But just maybe this is right. I'll think on it some more." We rob ourselves of one of the primary benefits of having a minister at all in the pulpit; and we strip from him his self-regard and his moral integrity when we restrict his privilege to speak that which he conceives to be the will of God.

I beseech you to encourage your preacher to enter the Holy of Holies with reverence and develop prayer and study, to come forth on Sunday to declare what the Lord has spoken.

$500,000 Expansion Fund Receives Unanimous Conference Vote

he Florida Conference unani-ıs:y approved a $500,000 Con-ence Growth and Expansion d for the 1963-64 year to help t five major capital outlay ds.

ı the first year the funds will llotted as follows: Branscomb ıorial Auditorium, $200,000; sley Foundations, $100,000; ference Loan Fund, $75,000; ida Southern College, $70,000; youth camp sites, $55,000.

The new expansion program follows successful completion of a four-year church extension campaign, which exceeded its $2,400,000 goal by $386,923.

The Rev. Henry W. Blackburn, extension secretary of church extension, reported $1,540,144 contributed for district church extension; $846,778 for the Conference Loan Fund; and $400,000 for the building fund of the Branscomb Memorial Auditorium.

The Rev. M. E. Myer, conference statistician, reported that Florida Methodists paid nearly $19 million during the year for benevolences, salaries and buildings—an all-time high.

Included in this total were the following amounts for benevolences: World Service, $712,209; General Advance Specials, $480,-564; Conference Advance Specials, $751,524; "10 in 1" Fund, $115,-757; Children's Home, $170,706; and Higher Education, $113,626.

Conference Commends Those Who Seek End to Racial Segregation

(Following is the text of a resolution passed overwhelmingly by delegates at the Florida Annual Conference. It was proposed by the Board of Christian Social Concerns. The Rev. Walter B. Rutland, St. Petersburg, explained that while the conference is already on record in support of the principles of the resolution it was thought that a new statement was needed to deal directly with issues arising in the past few months. A motion to strike out the section commending the Woman's Society of Christian Service ratification of the Charter of Racial Policies was defeated by a show of hands. The vote margin was roughly two to one in favor of retaining the section commending the Woman's Society's action.)

In light of the Episcopal Address at this Conference and at the Conference of 1962, and in light of the present social upheaval in the area of race relations, and because we believe the Church must provide leadership in this crucial hour, we urge the adoption of the following by our Annual Conference:

1. We wish to commend the cities in Florida that have set up Bi-Racial Committees and call upon the Methodist ministers and laymen to give leadership in those communities that have not yet done this, meeting with their mayors and requesting that such committees be formed and activated with effective representation from both races.
2. We commend the District that has integrated its Christian Workers' Training School and urge other Districts to do the same.
3. We commend those communities that have integrated their ministerial associations and urge Methodist ministers to give leadership in this area.
4. We commend those churches that seat all worshipers regardless of race and urge all our churches to make this their policy.
5. We commend the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Florida Conference upon their ratification of their Charter of Racial Policies.
6. We commend the progress that has been made in Florida in desegregation of public facilities, such as schools, eating places, theaters, hotels and the like, and we urge our Florida Methodists to contribute to peaceful and orderly desegregation.
7. We respectfully call to the attention of the Trustees of Florida Southern College paragraph 2024 Section 1 of the 1960 Discipline and we pledge our wholehearted support when this Methodist policy of non-discrimination is implemented.
8. We urge Methodist businessmen to eliminate discrimination in their business practices.
9. We commend the practice of those persons or groups who assert their rights by non-violent and legal means, and we deplore lawlessness and violence.
10. We urge that the Florida Annual Conference go on record as wholeheartedly supporting its ministers and laymen who preach and practice the gospel of brotherhood across racial lines.

Respectfully submitted,
The Conference Board of
Christian Social Concerns

ALSO JURISDICTIONAL—

General Conference Delegates Elected

Delegates to General Conference in Pittsburgh, Pa., next April and to Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska, N.C., next July were elected at the Florida Annual Conference.

Eight lay and eight clerical delegates will represent the Florida Conference at General Conference.

Lay delegates to General Conference in order of election are: R. H. Berg, Melbourne, conference lay leader; Mrs. David Thurman, Miami, conference woman's society president; Glenn W. Gold, Miami, associate conference lay leader; Robert Mann, Tampa District lay leader; Edd Gentry, Jacksonville District lay leader; Mrs. H. V. Weems, Sebring, former woman's society president; and John Sargent, Lakeland District lay leader.

Clerical delegates to General Conference in order of election are: The Rev. George A. Foster, Miami District superintendent; the Rev. E. J. Pendergrass, pastor of First Church, Orlando; the Rev. J. W. Hamilton, pastor of Pasadena Church, St. Petersburg; the Rev. John J. Rooks, Lakeland District superintendent; the Rev. A. Dale Hagler, pastor of First Church, West Palm Beach; the Rev. Charles T. Thrift, president of Florida Southern College; the Rev. M. C. Cleveland, pastor of First Church, St. Petersburg; and the Rev. Henry W. Blackburn, executive secretary of church extension.

Eleven additional lay and clerical delegates will represent the conference at the jurisdictional level.

Jurisdictional lay delegates are Thomas H. Slade, Starke; Madison Pacetti, West Palm Beach; Mrs. R. E. Rutland, Sr., McIntosh; Mrs. E. B. White, Jacksonville; William Smith, Monticello; Morton McDonald, DeLand; Justice Campbell Thornal, Tallahassee; J. M. Smedley, DeLand; R. Hudson Burr, Lake Wales; M. L. Turbeville, Sarasota; and William H. Maness, Jacksonville. Reserve delegates are Mrs. A. R. Ivey, New Smyrna; D. C. Dawkins, Sr., Jacksonville; William Ross, Miami; and William Meadows, Miami.

Clerical delegates to Jurisdictional Conference are: The Rev. C. M. Cotton, Lakeland; the Rev. Melton Ware, Tallahassee; the Rev. Laurie G. Ray, West Palm Beach; the Rev. Claude Thompson, professor at Emory University, Atlanta; the Rev. Robert Holmes, Tallahassee; the Rev. John M. Sikes, Jacksonville; the Rev. Gaylon Howe, Jacksonville; the Rev. Durward McDonell, Tampa; the Rev. Robert Blackburn, Jacksonville; the Rev. J. M. McLeod, Jacksonville, and the Rev. W. S. Bozeman, Tampa. Reserve delegates are the Rev. Harry H. Waller, Sarasota; the Rev. Bruce Gannaway, Orlando; the Rev. Joe Tolle, DeLand; and the Rev. Harry Parham, Naples.

Bishop Henley receives a gave carved from a beam used in th original structure of Trinit Church, Tallahassee, from it pastor, the Rev. Melton War (left). This bishop is wearing lei presented to him by the Rev Richard Peterson, missionary t Hawaii.

PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS - 1963-1964

The following pastoral appointments were announced by Bishop James W. Henley at the close the 121st session of the Florida Annual Conference. (AS, Approved Supply; SS, Student Sup-; PAS, Part Time Supply; RS, Retired Supply).

DeLAND DISTRICT

Joe A. Tolle, D.S. (3)

harge	Appointee	Year
ona-Paisley	To Be Supplied	
ell	Howard Porter	1
scent City	Donald Mizell	4
TONA BEACH:		
ommunity	R. T. Richardson	1
rst	E. F. Carwithen	4
vingston	Francis Smeit (AS)	1
ary	C. N. Ogg	1
AND:		
irst	George W. Wiseman	2
inity	A. B. Vaught	4
eon Springs	R. W. DeKalands (AS)	3
ewater	Harvey M. Hardin	2
rprise	Fred Foster (AS)	3
ler Beach	Reynold N. Hoover (RS)	6
eva	To Be Supplied	
tings-Riverdale	Frank Daniel	3
y Hill	Joe Clark	5
Como	Warren Churchill (RS)	3
Helen	Wesley Fink (RS)	3
SMYRNA BEACH:		
oronado	Julian Keating	3
rst	Ralph Todd	1
ge City	E. B. McBroom (RS)	5
MOND BEACH:		
rst	Louie B. Blackwell	4
verview	Hugh Foster	2
ATKA:		
James	A. A. Koestline	1
inity	Damon Scott	1
on	F. Gene Carter	3
Orange	Albert J. Rowell	3
AUGUSTINE:		
rst	J. E. McKinley	1
ace	John B. Gill, Jr.	2
FORD:		
enezer	Ray Gregory, Jr.	2
rst	John T. Adams, Jr.	4
ace	John H. Hires, Jr.	2
le	Don Harrison	1
ford-Osteen	Arthur Beatty (PAS)	2
aka-Georgetown	F. Henry Wolfe (AS)	1
ict Missionary Secretary	R. T. Richardson	
ict Secretary of Evangelism	Don Mizell	
ict Director of Radio and TV	Julian Keating	
ict Director of Town and County Work	Frank Daniel	
ict Director of hristian Social Concerns	Albert J. Rowell	
ict Director of Stewardship	J. Edward McKinley	
ict Director of Publications	Howard Porter	
ict Director of Hospitals and Homes	C. N. Ogg	
ict Director of Christian Vocations	John Hires	

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT

John M. Sikes, D.S. (1)

Charge	Appointee	Year
hua	Allan R. Stuart	4
ony	John D. Baird (SS)	1
er	H. L. Boyd (RAS)	2
view	John T. Pennington	4
ford	Peter A. Richardson (AS)	1
son	Robert Lenz (AS)	3
ar Key	H. B. Hodgkins (PS)	4
fland	Larry E. Evans	1
Citra	Samuel Fountain (AS)	1
Columbia City	T. M. Goff (AS)	1
Cross City	J. E. McGahey	1
Dunnellon	W. H. Compton	3
Ellzey	Johnny Johnson (PS)	2
Fort McCoy	M. E. Myer (RS)	4
Fort White	Richard C. Beyer (AS)	3
GAINESVILLE:		
Centenary	R. Nelson Wade (AS)	1
First Church	T. G. Mitchell	1
Trinity	Robert M. Temple, Jr.	2
University	Thaxton Springfield	16
University Associate	Donald Crews	2
Wesley Community	E. S. Kerrick	1
Hawthorne	C. M. Sappington	4
High Springs	Arthur A. Reppenhagen	2
Interlachen	Otis Aleshire (AS)	1
Kendrick	Robert M. Johnson (SS)	2
Lake Butler	Frank T. Stoff, Jr.	2
LAKE CITY:		
First Church	Walter T. Cross	1
Wesley Memorial	E. B. Luttrell (AS)	3
Lawtey	W. A. Fox (S)	3
Lochloosa	W. H. C. Stewart (PS)	4
Macclenny	L. E. Watkins	1
McIntosh	R. E. Rutland (RS)	6
Melrose	Kenneth W. Griffith	3
Micanopy	Arthur Davis	1
Newberry	T. Gerald Williams	1
OCALA:		
Druid Hills	James W. Colvert	2
First Church	R. A. Alley	3
First Church Associate	Wayne Langford	2
St. Marks	Robert F. Hays	4
Oklawaha	Robert F. Allen	2
Reddick	C. B. Davis (AS)	1
Springhill	F. W. Kokomoor (PS)	8
Starke	John R. Brabham	3
Waldo	Thomas E. Williams (AS)	1
Wellborn	Arthur Koon (AS)	2
White Springs	Harry A. Goddard (AS)	2
Williston	David Denslow	3
Windsor	John Hodges (PS)	2
Worthington	Lloyd Hampton (PS)	3
District Missionary Secretary	Robert M. Temple, Jr.	
District Secretary of Evangelism	Allan R. Stuart	
District Director of Radio and TV	Larry E. Evans	
District Director of Town and County Work	John T. Pennington	
District Director of Christian Social Concerns	J. Ed McGahey	
District Director of Stewardship	Kenneth W. Griffith	
District Director of Publications	A. A. Reppenhagen	
District Director of Hospitals and Homes	David Denslow	
District Director of Christian Vocations	Robert F. Hays	

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT

J. Milburn McLeod, D.S. (5)

Asbury-Middleburg	Frank Edwards	1
Baldwin-Bryceville	Clarence Weeks	1
Callahan	Bentley Williamston	2
Dinsmore	C. H. Voss	3
Fernandina Beach	Nelson Moyer	1
Garden City	Ernest B. Coffee	1
Green Cove Springs	Gordon N. Craig, Jr.	1

Charge	Appointee	Year
Hilliard	Felix R. Waddell (PS)	1
Hutto Chapel-Yulee	W. Ray Finklea	2
Aldersgate	Eugene Pelt	1
Arlington	Shuler Peele	2
Avondale	J. W. Blitch	6
Epperson Memorial	John E. Rice	3
Fairfield	D. W. Ferrell (AS)	2
First	Robert M. Blackburn	4
Forestview	Donald W. Jones	1
Gilmore	A. Bruce Galloway	3
Glynlea	Stacy Selph	3
Good Shepherd	Warren Wasson	1
Hendricks Memorial	Robert M. Jenkins	1
Highlands	David T. Brewer	3
Inman Memorial	M. J. Holtzclaw	4
Lake Shore	Robert Brown	2
Lake Shore Associate	T. C. Geyer (AS)	1
Lakewood	Alva H. Brock	3
Livingston-Anderson	A. D. Houglin	2
Main Street	O. B. Pickering	3
Marietta-Normandy Village	William L. Rhoads	2
Murray Hill	J. A. Padgett	3
North Shore	S. H. Russell	2
Oakcrest	Billy Pickett	1
Ortega	H. H. Waller	1
Peeler Memorial	Harold L. Brooks	2
Riverside Park	Gaylon L. Howe	3
Riverview	W. Ballard Wilson	1
St. Paul	Robert L. Jenkins	4
Snyder Memorial	H. T. Heitzenrater	1
Southside	Walter N. Kalaf	1
Southside Estates	D. G. Dieffenwierth	3
Springfield	J. Paul Touchton	2
Spring Glen	Robert D. Bledsoe	1
Swaim Memorial	Harris DeWese	3
Trinity	F. B. Thompson, Jr.	1
Wesconnett	Larry O'Steen	5
Wesley Memorial	Herbert Bowdoin	2
Woodstock Park	Paul Holloway	4
JACKSONVILLE BEACHES:		
Beach Church	Donald M. Mackay	3
Christ Church	David T. Scoates	4
Mandarin	Jasper O. Witt	2
Orange Park	Floyd R. Fisher	1
District Missionary Secretary	Arthur Padgett	
District Secretary of Evangelism	Harold Brooks	
District Director of Radio and TV	H. T. Heitzenrater	
District Director of Town and County Work	Bentley Williamson	
District Director of Christian Social Concerns	Nelson P. Moyer	
District Director of Stewardship	Stacy Selph	
District Director of Publications	Bruce Galloway	
District Director of Hospitals and Homes	T. D. Ryan, Jr.	
District Director of Christian Vocations	David T. Scoates	

LAKELAND DISTRICT

John James Rooks, D.S. (2)

Charge	Appointee	Year
Alturas	Jesse Baker	2
AUBURNDALE:		
First	William C. Swygert	3
Lena Vista	Ben Spivey	2
BARTOW:		
Asbury	Robert Lewis	4
First	Ben Rider	2
Bushnell	H. O. Boyette	3
Clermont	Charles Kinder	1
Coleman	John Olive (AS)	3
Dade City	J. W. Blake	2
Davenport	R. P. Caviness, Jr.	2
Eaton Park	Eugene G. Wulff (PS)	1
Eloise	Troy Hatmaker (PS)	3
Ft. Meade	David Groves	1
Frostproof	E. L. Dinkins	7
Fruitland Park	Huie Holloway	
Groveland	Paul L. Jones	
Haines City	John R. Sanderson	
Highland City	Richard Pifer (AS)	
Indian Lake Estates	T. R. Jones (RS)	
Kathleen	W. D. Hicks (AS)	
LAKELAND:		
College Heights	Charles P. Hamilton	
Crystal Lake	Charles Courtoy	
First Church	Caxton Doggett	
First Church Associate	Wilton C. Carter	
Lake Gibson	Dean Witten	
Lakewood Park	William B. Caldwell	
Methodist Temple	John R. Hunt	
Orange Heights	Guy H. Athearn	
Trinity	R. C. Joyner	
Wesleya Memorial	Whitney Dough	
Dundee	Robert Standifer (SS)	
Homeland	To Be Supplied	
Sunray	L. E. Thompson (SS)	
Lady Lake-Mascotte	Morris R. Olive (AS)	
Lake Alfred	D. N. Storm	
Lake Wales	W. L. Joyner	
LEESBURG:		
Christ	Robert H. Hines	
Morrison Memorial	M. McCoy Gibbs	
Mulberry	James M. Smith	
Oxford	Roy L. McCormick (AS)	
Ridge Manor	W. B. Mundy (PS)	
Trilby	Herbert Frederick Spencer (SS)	
Webster	Franklin George (SS)	
Wildwood	J. T. Sofge	
WINTER HAVEN:		
Beymer Memorial	Leo F. King	
St. John	W. D. Tiffin	
Trinity	Ben R. Blackburn	
Zephyrhills	Henry L. Kinnard, Jr.	
District Missionary Secretary	Henry L. Kinnard, J	
District Secretary of Evangelism	John R. Hu	
District Secretary of Radio and TV	Charles Court	
District Director of Town and Country	Jesse Bak	
District Director of Christian Social Concerns	W. D. Tiff	
District Director of Stewardship	Ben Rid	
District Director of Publications	R. P. Caviness,	
District Director of Hospitals and Homes	Robert Lew	
District Director of Christian Vocations	James M. Smi	

MIAMI DISTRICT

C. M. Cotton, D.S. (1)

Charge	Appointee	Year
Dania	O. H. Hudgins	
Davie	Ray Harrison	
Florida City	Louis Leigh	
HOLLYWOOD:		
Hollywood Hills	Amos L. Boren	
Miramar	John Tindell	
Hollywood Temple	H. E. Garrett	
West Hollywood	C. Gail Norris	
Hollywood-Epworth	Robert L. Case	
HOMESTEAD:		
First	Eldon Simmons	
Holy Trinity	George Dettman	
Redland	Joe Hudson Smith	
Silver Palm	C. L. Herron	
KEY WEST:		
Big Pine-Big Coppitt	Jerry W. Brummett (AS)	
El Salvador	C. M. Benitez (AS)	
First	Joseph W. Jones	
Fleming Street	Sidney H. White	
Ley Memorial	A. A. Jameson (AS)	
Marathon	E. J. Halter	
Matecumbe	Orville H. Ripley, Jr.	
Tavernier	Roy Burgess	

Charge	Appointee	Year
REATER MIAMI:		
Allapattah	Charles A. Thompson	1
Bryan Memorial	Lee R. Van Sickle	1
Carol City	Lee Pearson	1
Christ	W. L. Spicer, Jr.	1
Coral Gables	John H. Hanger	3
Coral Gables Associate	Gerald D. Haley	9
Coral Gables Associate	M. S. McCastlain	4
Coral Way	William S. Echols	3
Fulford	J. C. Rowan	4
Grace	James R. Roy	2
Hialeah First	M. C. Hatch	4
Hialeah North	Lee W. Davidson	2
Holleman Park	Robert F. Debusk, Jr.	1
Kendall	E. M. Zimmerman	1
Lakeview	Barclay Jackson	3
Miami Beach	A. G. Parks	3
Miami Springs	Osborn Belyeu	1
Norland	Roland VanZant	8
Ojus	Allen Barrett	1
Olympia Heights	William Sims	4
Opa Locka	Oscar Magarian	5
Palm Springs	Fred E. Stinson	1
Peace	Ray W. Boegen (SS)	2
Perrine	E. L. Russell	7
Rader Memorial	Floyd W. Cooper	2
Riverside	Gordon Strickland	3
Rudy Memorial	Mario Alfonso	6
St. Paul	Fred Sanders	3
Sellers	E. Wayne Owens	2
South Miami	R. B. Huston	7
Southwest	H. E. Murphy	1
Spanish American	A. Fernandez	4
Tamiami Temple	W. E. Kircher	1
Tarboux Memorial	Morris Hanley	3
Trinity	Richard E. Blanchard	3
Trinity Associate	Billy D. Case	1
Wesley	H. S. Austin	1
Westwood	Mitchell Florence	1
White Temple	A. A. Hedberg	2
White Temple Associate	Charles Bruce	1
trict Missionary Secretary	E. M. Zimmerman	
trict Secretary of Evangelism	Amos L. Boren	
trict Director of Radio and TV	Richard E. Blanchard	
trict Director of Town and Country	Orville Ripley	
trict Director of Christian Social Concerns	Mitchell Florence	
trict Director of Stewardship	Eldon Simmons	
rict Director of Publications	Fred Stinson	
rict Director of Hospitals and Homes	Floyd W. Cooper	
trict Director of Christian Vocations	E. L. Russell	

ORLANDO DISTRICT

Bruce F. Gannaway, D.S. (5)

Charge	Appointee	Year
opka	E. E. Hawk	1
r Lake	W. M. Irwin (RS)	2
selberry	Delmas Copeland	2
coa	D. J. Cathcart	3
coa Associate	Ned T. Keller	1
coa Beach	H. Jack Downey	4
tis	M. A. Shaw	2
orgiana	Russell Reed (LP)	4
ian River City	Robert M. Waddell	2
SIMMEE:		
irst	B. B. Williams	1
hingle Creek	W. P. Hanks (RS)	4
khart	James E. Ridgeway	3
tland	W. L. Brackman, Jr.	3
ritt Island	Charles Gibson	3
s	Lloyd W. Mullis	2
ntverde	Donald Logue	4
Dora	Wm. T. Blair	2
ee	Don Comer	1
ORLANDO:		
Azalea Park	G. Odell Miley	3
Broadway	R. E. Ackenhusen	3
Christ	W. J. Bookman (AS)	2
College Park	Luther V. Laite	1
Concord Park	Ralph Rivers	3
Conway	Robert Sommer	4
East Orlando	Cecil Radcliffe (AS)	2
Epworth	Paul R. Bell (AS)	3
First	E. J. Pendergrass	12
First Associate	James Ratcliff	2
First Associate	Stuart McCrae	1
Goss Memorial	John M. Fletcher	.
Holden Heights	C. L. Hubbard (RS)	2
Meadowbrook	Glenn Tucker (AS)	2
Pine Castle	Henry Schmidt	6
Pine Hills	Harold I Thomas	4
Reeves Memorial	George Carlton	3
St. Paul's	Gary Buhl	1
Taft	Thomas E. DePoy (PS)	2
Trinity	C. O. Good (RS)	9
Union Park	John B. Gayler	1
Orlo Vista	Donald Troutman (AS)	3
Oviedo	Robert Soka	2
St. Cloud	T. C. O'Steen	1
Tavares	Ed Montfort	5
Titusville	E. W. Norman	3
Umatilla	L. L. Waterhouse	2
Winter Garden	Roy Ben Ridley	7
Winter Garden Associate	H. W. Parker	1
WINTER PARK:		
Aloma	Kenneth Jones	3
Winter Park	Orville Nelson	1
Zellwood	Robert H. Carr	4
District Missionary Secretary	Roy Ben Ridley	
District Secretary of Evangelism	G. Odell Miley	
District Director of Radio and TV	W. L. Brackman, Jr.	
District Director of Town and Country	Donald Logue	
District Director of Christian Social Concerns	Edwin Montfort	
District Director of Stewardship	R. E. Ackenhusen	
District Director of Publications	Henry Schmidt	
District Director of Hospitals and Homes	Orville Nelson	
District Director of Christian Vocations	James Ratcliffe	

SARASOTA DISTRICT

Fred L. Martin, Jr., D.S. (1)

Charge	Appointee	Year
Alva-Olga	Donald F. Rock	3
Arcadia	Raymond L. Hayes	5
Avon Park	Russell C. Boaz	5
Boca Grande	H. J. McIlrath	2
Bonita Springs	Wayne Thomas	3
Bowling Green	Gerald McCray	2
BRADENTON:		
Christ	Richard E. Wilson	3
First	Hoyt Tatum	1
Manatee	W. E. Rowell	1
Trinity	Harold Miller	2
Trinity, Associate	David Woerner	1
Cape Coral	Walter Day (RS)	1
Charlotte Harbor-Cleveland	Edgar T. Standifer	2
Ellenton	J. Crozier Inman	4
Englewood	A. G. Hardee	2
Estero	Harold Hendren	1
FORT MYERS:		
Fort Myers Beach	Clinton Logan, Jr.	1
Central	Robert D. Knight	3
Edgewood	William Denlinger	3
First	R. B. Chapman, Jr.	1
First Associate	Charles C. Trembly	1
North	Claude E. Tucker	1
Tice	Ralph F. Jones	2
Wesley Memorial	John F. Few	6
Fort Ogden	James Wilkins (RS)	4

Charge	Appointee	Year
Friendship Community	W. H. Bransford (RS)	1
Harbor Heights	Eli Richard (RS)	2
Immokalee	Richard Howe	3
LaBelle	Duane R. Zoller	4
Lake Placid	Wm. G. Cofield	2
Lehigh Acres	A. Wesley Pugh (RS)	3
Lehigh Acres Co-Pastor	B. Brooks Shake (RS)	3
Miakka-Myakka City	To Be Supplied	
Naples	Harry C. Parham	2
Nocatee-Pine Level	Douglas Ingram (PS)	2
North Port Charlotte	A. A. Soldner (RS)	2
Oneco	W. B. McMullen	2
Palmetto	John T. Dingley	3
Parrish	Otto Horsley (RS)	3
Port Charlotte	E. Dale Harward	2
Punta Gorda	Russell A. Lenox	4
SARASOTA:		
First	Kenneth G. Rogers	2
First Associate	Jean U. Guerry	2
First Associate	Frank Hartley (RS)	2
North	Maurice Beery	8
St. John's	Duane Meier	1
Trinity	Donald Walling	5
Sebring	Clarence M. Yates	3
Terra Ceia	Theron W. Jenne (RS)	2
Vamo	B. D. Nysewander (RS)	3
Venice-Grace	Miles J. DePagter	3
Venice-Nokomis	John Lewis Jones	1
Venus	Frederick Schroeder (S)	4
Wauchula	Claude E. Stanfield	1
Zolfo Springs-Friendship	T. Homer Smith (RS)	4
East Naples	Royal Page (RS)	1
District Missionary Secretary	John T. Dingley	
District Director of Evangelism	Raymond L. Hayes	
District Director of Radio and TV	Claude E. Tucker	
District Director of Town and Country	Russell A. Lenox	
District Director of Stewardship	Clarence M. Yates	
District Director of Publications	Robert B. Chapman, Jr.	
District Director of Hospitals and Homes	Hoyt Tatum	
District Director of Christian Social Concerns	Harry C. Parham	
District Director of Christian Vocations	Miles J. DePagter	

ST. PETERSBURG DISTRICT

C. E. West, D.S. (1)

Charge	Appointee	Year
Anona	W. T. Parsons, Jr.	2
Brooksville	Marvin R. Park, Jr.	4
CLEARWATER:		
Belmont Park	Allen E. Bartlett	2
First Church	Jesse E. Waller	5
First Church Associate	Robert Gorday	2
First Church Associate	Robert H. Fox, Jr.	1
Friendship	Robert H. Wenner	2
Skycrest	Pat W. McBride, Jr.	3
Sylvan Abbey	Alfred E. Parsons	4
Crystal River	T. J. Price, Jr.	4
Curlew	Harry Illingworth (RS)	4
DUNEDIN:		
First Church	Austin G. McCoig	2
Union Methodist	Grant Hinshaw	4
Floral City	Eric Roberts (AS)	1
Hernando	Henry D. Cribb (SS)	2
Homosassa	D. Rossi (RS)	6
Hudson	C. T. Howes (RS)	3
Inverness	Morris C. Gaskins	6
Lake Lindsey	John M. Hemstead (RS)	1
LARGO:		
Largo Methodist	Clare S. Hall	4
Calvary	Ewing W. Carroll, Jr.	2
Cross Bayou	Rodney F. Johnson	3
St. Paul	David G. Hortin	2
New Port Richey	J. Franklin Talton	2
Oldsmar	E. D. Conway	2
Palm Harbor	Owen C. Driskell	2
Pinellas Park	O. Dean Martin	3
Safety Harbor	Charles Hutchins	1
Spring Lake	A. W. Eustes, Jr.	4
ST. PETERSBURG:		
Allendale	E. Richard Haley	1
Childs Park	William A. Wicker	3
Christ Church	Paul R. Hortin	18
Christ Associate	Joe N. Rutland	2
Christ Associate	A. Brad Dinsmore	1
Clearview	Clarence W. Whitley	3
Edgemoor	Emerson Day (SS)	1
Euclid	Don A. Walsh	4
First Church	M. C. Cleveland	5
First Church Associate	Alonzo R. Davis	2
Grace	S. C. St. Clair Jeans	1
Gulfport	Arthur Charlesworth	1
Lakewood	Rudolph McKinley	5
Lealman	Booker C. Short	4
Northside	Uel S. Dixon	2
Pasadena	J. Wallace Hamilton	35
Pasadena Associate	Walter B. Rutland	11
Pasadena Associate	Laurence W. Coles	2
St. James	Henry K. Carl	5
St. Luke's	Albert Dale Hagler	1
St. Mark's	Wilbur P. Crowder (AS)	3
Seminole	Leslie E. Rabb	3
Seminole Associate	C. Ed. Murfin, Jr.	2
Trinity	Robert W. Weaver	6
Wesley Memorial	Donald Kokomoor	1
Tarpon Springs	James E. Ulmer	3
District Missionary Secretary	Leslie E. Rabb	
District Secretary of Evangelism	W. T. Parsons, Jr.	
District Director of Radio and TV	O. Dean Martin	
District Director of Town and Country	Morris C. Gaskins	
District Director of Christian Social Concerns	Walter B. Rutland	
District Director of Stewardship	Clare S. Hall	
District Director of Publications	Grant Hinshaw	
District Director of Hospitals and Homes	Pat W. McBride, Jr.	
District Director of Christian Vocations	Don A. Walsh	

TALLAHASSEE DISTRICT

Robert C. Holmes, D.S. (2)

Charge	Appointee	Year
Apalachicola	John M. Brackman	5
Carrabelle	Louis E. Patmore	3
Chattahoochee	Donald F. Padgett	4
East Leon Circuit	L. J. Green (AS)	1
Eastpoint	Harold M. Patrick (SS)	8
Glen Julia	Dana L. Hamrick (AS)	3
Greensboro	David Love	1
Greenville	Vernon Queen	1
Havana (Salem)	L. E. Herndon	5
Jasper	Norman Booth	1
Jennings-Hanson	Charles Rogers (AS)	2
Lee-Hickory Grove	L. E. Denslow (AS)	4
Liberty Circuit	Guldmar J. Blair	3
Live Oak	Spivey Brabham	2
Madison	John G. Stradley	2
Mayo	Neil W. Vause (AS)	4
Monticello	Luther R. Stokes	2
New Harmony	W. O. McMullan (RS)	6
Perry, First	Paul Stewart	1
Perry, Grace	John Gebhart	1
Pinetta	Paul Swisher (AS)	2
Pisgah Circuit	W. L. Prater (S)	3
Pisgah Circuit Assistant	John Green (S)	2
QUINCY:		
Centenary	E. Nash Philpot	1
Forest Hills	Thomas C. Kelsey	2
Sardis	J. W. Gardner (RS)	5
Shady Grove Circuit	W. L. Windsor (RS)	1
Sopchoppy-Crawfordville	Richard Sprague	2

Charge	Appointee	Year
LLAHASSEE:		
Bethel	W. Calvin Williams (AS)	6
Calvary	Orvis Steverson (RS)	1
John Wesley	Danny E. Morris	4
St. Paul's	R. E. Rutland, Jr.	1
Southside	H. Theo Gee	2
Tallahassee Heights	D. L. Floyd	2
Trinity	Melton Ware	2
Trinity Associate	J. P. Floyd, Jr.	1
ukeenah Circuit	Robert E. May (AS)	3
st Madison Circuit	Earl Wilder (AS)	1
odville-Wakulla	James T. Tompkins	2
trict Missionary Secretary	E. Nash Philpot	
trict Secretary of Evangelism	R. E. Rutland, Jr.	
trict Director of Stewardship	Luther Stokes	
trict Director of Christian Social Concerns	Danny E. Morris	
trict Director of Radio and TV	Donald F. Padgett	
trict Director of Town and Country	Spivey Brabham	
trict Director of Publications	Thomas C. Kelsey	
trict Director of Hospitals and Homes	John Brackman	
trict Director of Christian Vocations	Norman Booth	

TAMPA DISTRICT

Durward McDonell, D.S. (2)

ndon	Leo S. Lacy	2
rk	J. W. Wyrick (AS)	1
ver	Jennings A. Neeld, Jr. (SS)	3
sonton	Donald F. Keyes	2
stone	Lawrence Henize	2
z	Lee Strother	1
ANT CITY:		
First	T. Newton Wise	3
Grace-Knights	Marvin G. Buckner (SS)	2
Sunset Heights	Gerald E. Martell (SS)	2
Trinity	O. C. Howell	1
erview	Howard Wilfong	2
kin	Robert R. Barber	2
fner	Reid B. Gass (AS)	6
inghead	John Bennion	1
MPA:		
ayshore	Frank Robinson, Jr.	1
ranscomb Memorial	John W. Grant, Jr.	1
Christ	John W. Finkell, Jr.	3
rew Park-Port Tampa	Robert Bailey	1
irst	W. S. Bozeman	5
irst Associate	John P. Simon	3
orest Hills	John A. White	3
race	M. A. Sensenbrenner (AS)	8
ighland Avenue	C. Harold Rasmussen	3
illsborough	Guy H. Spriggs (AS)	4
yde Park	Harold E. Buell	2
yde Park Associate	Elmer Fant	1
nterbay	Donald L. Bain	1
Manhattan Avenue	Jiles E. Kirkland	10
ebraska Avenue	Holland R. Vaughan	2
ortheast	John P. Davenport	1
ak Grove	Jack Kelley	1
alma Ceia	George A. Foster	1
alma Ceia Associate	E. Pierce Hendry	1
arah Spencer	Roy A. Fiske	4
eminole Heights	George L. Harper	2
eminole Heights Associate	Julius C. Byers	2
t. John's	Wm. A. Fisackerly, III	3
t. Paul's	Richard England	3
ampa Heights	Morrell S. Robinson	2
emple Terrace	B. H. Flewellen	1
rinity	Don Richardson	1
notosassa	Joseph L. Martin (PS)	7
nauma	Ronald K. Sumpter (SS)	2
rict Missionary Secretary	Morrell S. Robinson	
rict Secretary of Evangelism	Leo S. Lacy	
rict Director of Radio and TV	Donald L. Bain	
District Director of Town and Country Work	Howard Wilfong	
District Director of Christian Social Concerns	John P. Simon	
District Director of Stewardship	John A. White	
District Director of Publications	Don Richardson	
District Director of Hospitals and Homes	Harold Rasmussen	
District Director of Christian Vocations	Harold E. Buell	

WEST PALM BEACH DISTRICT

Laurie G. Ray, D.S. (2)

Belle Glade, Community	W. R. Boland	2
Boca Raton, First	Dan M. Gill	3
Boynton Beach, First	E. E. Stauffer	2
Boynton Beach, St. John's	W. A. Burch (RS)	2
Canal Point	Robert A. Shelley	7
Clewiston, First	Richard O. Knight	5
Delray Beach, Cason Memorial	Marvin Sweat	1
EAU GALLIE:		
St. Paul's	James S. Jones	2
West Eau Gallie	Sanford Mayo	1
Ft. Drum	W. W. Woolwine (PS)	1
FT. LAUDERDALE:		
Aldersgate-Wesley	Paul Watts	1
Christ	W. Ellis Williamson	3
First	W. W. Roughton	3
First Associate	W. E. Dorrell	2
Melrose Park	Paul Hartsfield	1
Park Temple	Lewis N. Head	3
Park Temple Associate	Wm. E. Brooks	1
Plantation	Henry G. Galloway	5
St. Andrew's	Robert J. Gisler	1
St. Paul's	Alfred P. Jodie (SS)	2
FT. PIERCE:		
Community	J. Milton Ivey	3
First	A. Waldo Farabee	1
First Associate	James Luther (AS)	2
Indialantic, St. Mark's	Paul G. Cochran	7
Indiantown	Leon Yeilding (PS)	1
Jensen Beach-White City	Neil Gunsalus	1
Juno Beach	Clark S. Reed	5
Lake Harbor	J. O. Jameson (RS)	3
Lake Park, Trinity	Robert M. Brittain	2
LAKE WORTH:		
Calvary	T. Howren Norton	5
Lakeside	John B. Bass	6
St. Luke's	Joseph W. Howell	3
Margate, Cokesbury	Charles Penny	1
Melbourne, First	O. V. Hitchcock	9
Melbourne, First Associate	Harry NeSmith	1
Moore Haven	John V. Whitehead	2
Oakland Park	Raymond J. Sharp	2
Okeechobee	V. J. Ragsdale	7
Pahokee	John A. Briley	1
Palm Bay	Harry C. Baas	4
POMPANO BEACH:		
First	S. Paris Bell	1
First Associate	W. S. Symons	1
Trinity	Jacob C. Martinson	4
Port St. Lucie	James W. Baugher	4
RIVIERA BEACH:		
First	Lee D. Rustin	2
First Associate	D. Ross Denslow	2
Roseland	L. F. Vanderwater	1
Sebastian-Fellsmere	Randall Parsons	2
Stuart	Walter D. Jessup	2
VERO BEACH:		
Asbury	James Holmes	1
First	H. Mauriece Felton	2
Lakewood Park	J. O. Johnson (PS)	1
Wabasso	James W. Powell, Jr.	1
WEST PALM BEACH:		
First	Robert C. Boggs	1
First Associate	Carl D. Shafer	2

Charge	Appointee	Year
Grace	Walter D. Edwards	3
Northwood	Sidney H. Davies	3
Wagg Memorial	James R. Crook, Jr.	5
District Missionary Secretary	J. Marvin Sweat	
District Secretary of Evangelism	T. Howren Norton	
District Director of Radio and TV	Robert J. Gisler	
District Director of Town and Country Work	Dan M. Gill	
District Director of Christian Social Concerns	A. Waldo Farabee	
District Director of Stewardship	O. V. Hitchcock	
District Director of Publications	Robert C. Boggs	
District Director of Hospitals and Homes	Mauriece Felton	
District Director of Christian Vocations	Joseph W. Howell	

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

I. With Annuity Claim:

a. Upon this Annual Conference:

Charles T. Thrift, Jr.—President, Florida Southern College
J. Birney Gross—Assistant to President, Florida Southern Col.
Corning F. Tolle—Dir. Alumni and Community Affairs, FSC
William B. Mundy—Dir. of Admissions, Florida Southern Col.
Francis L. Luce—Assistant to Registrar, Florida Southern Col.
Dennis R. DeLacure—College Chaplain, Florida Southern Col.
Douglas T. Holden—Faculty, Florida Southern College
Thaxton Springfield—Minister-Director, Wesley Foundation, Univ. Methodist Church, Univ. of Florida
Don W. Crews—Assoc. Min.-Director, Wesley Foundation Univ. Methodist Church, Univ. of Florida
Farley Snell—Director, Wesley Foundation, Univ. of Miami
Austin E. Hollady—Dir. Wesley Foundation, Fla. State Univ.
Allan J. Burry—Dir. Wesley Foundation, U. of South Fla.
Milton H. Wyatt—Exec. Secretary, Conf. Bd. of Education
Warren H. Willis—Conference Youth Director
Henry W. Blackburn—Exec. Secy. of Church Extension
Bascom W. Carlton—Supt. Fla. Methodist Children's Home
Thomas D. Ryan, Jr.—Administrator, Jacksonville Meth. Home
Robert C. Adair—Exec. Dir. Suncoast Goodwill Industries
C. B. Callaway—Exec. Dir., Cent. Fla. Goodwill Industries
Jack A. Davis—Ex. Sec., Fla. Council of Churches
E. Clayton Calhoun—President, Paine College

b. Upon a General Board, an Institution or Agency of the Methodist Church:

Ashton A. Almond—Treasurer, General Board of Missions
Don A. Cooke—Gen. Secy. and Treas., Council of World Service and Finance
Claude Thompson—Professor, Candler School of Theology
Don Nichols—Professor, Candler School of Theology
Donald M. Maynard—Professor, Boston School of Theology
Lindsey Pherigo—Professor, Nat. Meth. Theological Seminary
James E. Bartlett—Dept. of Finance, Div. of Nat. Missions
K. Henry Koestline—Dir. Public Relations, Scarritt College
George Morris—General Board of Evangelism
George W. Gambill—President, Andrew College
William P. Woodbury—Professor, Reinhardt College
Kenneth Traxler—Missionaryr to Brazil
Richard Peterson—Missionary to Hawaii
C. L. Spottswood—Missionary to Philippines
Gordon Christensen—Missionary to Okinawa

II. Without Annuity Claim:

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Allen W. Moore—Conference Evangelist
Henry A. Guy—Conference Evangelist
Clayton S. Luce—Sabbatical
J. J. Williams—Professor, Elmhurst College
Doster Vincent—Supernumerary
Sam R. Neel—Sabbatical
J. A. Keiper—Chaplain, Pan-American Airways
Don DeBevois—Supernumerary
James T. Tompkins—Chief of Fla. State Institute Chaplains
Robert P. Sofge—Chaplain, Florida State Hospital
E. F. Mayton (AS)—Chaplain, Florida State Prison
J. G. Power—Chaplain, U.S. Navy
Richard K. Titley—Chaplain, U.S. Navy
Dennis Kinlaw, Chaplain, U.S. Navy
James V. Harvester—Chaplain, U.S. Army
F. O. Hunt, Jr.—Chaplain, U.S. Army
Wm. P. Trobaugh—Chaplain, U.S. Army
M. R. Standley—Chaplain, U.S. Army
Zach Colson—Chaplain, U.S. Air Force
William F. Hoffman—Chaplain, U.S. Air Force
Carson T. Howes, Jr.—Chaplain, U.S. Air Force
G. Stephen Ingram—Chaplain, U.S. Air Force
Wm. F. Kopelke, Jr.—Chaplain, U.S. Air Force
George C. Norsworthy—Chaplain, U.S. Air Force
Dan R. Robinson—Chaplain, U.S. Air Force
Paul Wragg—Chaplain, U.S. Air Force
Edwin A. Davis—Chaplain, U.S. Air Force

STUDENT APPOINTMENTS

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Name	School
Henry Wight Kirtley	Candler School of Theology
James Ed. Dukes, Jr.	Candler School of Theology

Gainesville District

James A. Harrell	Yale Divinity School
Robert W. Sterling	Duke Divinity School
Joseph S. Philbeck	Candler School of Theology
*Arthur B. Holmes	Drew Theological Seminary
Ira Carroll Starling, Jr.	Drew Theological Seminary

Jacksonville District

Kenneth Charles Blitch	Candler School of Theology
George Helm Park	Duke Divinity School
Donald Allen Reynolds	Candler School of Theology
Francis Berchmans Seghers	Candler
George Warren Turner, Jr.	Candler
John K. Underwood, Jr.	Candler
Gregory Lee Wood	Asbury Theological Seminary
*James H. Lafon	Candler
Chapin Henley	University of Florida

Lakeland District

Gary Leland Conner	Wesley Theological Seminary
Edward Alan Ellis	Boston School of Theology
Emerson Keith Ewing	Candler
Sam Downs Lewis	Candler
George Brown Owen, Jr.	Candler
Paul Mojzes	Boston School of Theology
Robert Earl Rabb	Drew
David Harold Shaver	Candler
Frank Debelius Sibert	Candler
Oliver Franklin Taylor	Duke
Larry Eugene Webb	Southern California Seminary
*Homer A. Bain	University of Chicago

Miami District

James Hamilton Charlesworth	Duke Divinity School
Thomas Cunningham	Duke Divinity School
*Leroy T. Howe	Yale Divinity School
George G. Hunter, III	Princeton
Frank Jackson Landers	Boston School of Theology
Thomas W. Obenauer	Wesley Theological Seminary
Wilbur Parker	Asbury Theological Seminary
Richard C. Ross	Candler
James McIvers Speights, Jr.	Perkins School of Theology

Orlando District

Robert Earl Kipp, Jr.	Candler School of Theology
Paul E. VanDine	Drew Theological Seminary

Willis

Bryant

Weems

Berg

Hamilton

Henley

Floridians Play Prominent Role at Junaluska Summer Assembly

'lorida's Gov. Farris Bryant l be a featured speaker July 5 a conference for Methodist yers throughout the South d at the Lake Junaluska, N.C., thodist Assembly.

Speaking later at the summer embly will be Bishop Henley d the Rev. J. Wallace Hamilton, tor of Pasadena Community urch, St. Petersburg.

Mr. Hamilton will preach six es during the annual Ministers' Conference, July 14-19, sharing the pulpit with Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles.

Bishop Henley and two other Floridians, Mrs. H. V. Weems of Sebring and R. H. Berg of Melbourne, are program principals during the Lake Junaluska Golden Jubilee Week, July 28-Aug. 4.

Mrs. Weems will preside July 30 at a service sponsored by the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Board of Missions. Berg, conference lay leader and president of the General Board of Lay Activities, will speak July 31. Bishop Henley will speak on August 1.

The Rev. Warren W. Willis of Lakeland, conference director of youth work, will direct the Southeastern Jurisdiction's youth conference July 6-11 at Junaluska.

Glenn Draper of the University of Miami will again serve as summer director of music at the assembly.

St. Petersburg District

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chard Johnston ..... Candler
axwell Taylor, Jr. ..... Candler
Witt Farabee ..... Yale
L. Ricketts ..... University of Chicago

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mes Gordon Ralls ..... Asbury Theological Seminary
bert W. Fisher ..... Union

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mes Sinnett Farr, Jr. ..... Candler
seph Daniel Smith, Jr. ..... Yale
rry Middlebrooks ..... Florida State University

Tampa District

nn Furman Bickerstaff ..... Drew Theological Seminary
nry Walter Carmony ..... Candler
rry Eugene Cook ..... Candler
mes Lawrence McClessy ..... Duke
Robert Miller ..... Candler
gil M. Newton, III ..... Princeton School of Theology
orge Kerry Robb ..... Drew

West Palm Beach District

raham Castor ..... Columbia Seminary (Georgia)
bert Green McBride ..... Duke Divinity School
hn P. Sampley ..... Yale Divinity School
m. Frederick Schuster
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DEACONESS APPOINTMENTS

Cleo Barber—Tampa Methodist Settlements, 2801 17th St., Tampa 5

Helen Fennema—Methodist Community Center, Box 9475, Jacksonville 8

Margaret Field—Brewster Hospital, Jacksonville 9

Lillian M. Kelly—Miami Methodist Latin Center, 1200 N.E. Miami Court, Miami 32

Inez Martin—Wesley Community House, 1100 Varela St., Key West

Ruth M. Mayhall—To be assigned

Helen C. Wolfarth, leave of absence, 107 Peterson Court, Holly Hill, Fla.

CUBA WORK IN FLORIDA

Miami District

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Tamiami Temple ..... Humberto Carrazana
Wesley ..... Germinal Rivas
Riverside ..... Manuel Salabarria
Allapattah ..... Jose Morales

Sarasota District

Hardee County Spanish Mission ..... Francisco Sanfiel

Tampa District

Tampa Heights ..... Manuel Viera

News From The Churches

SUMMER EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

Miss Joy Haupt of Lincoln, Neb., will be the Christian education director at Christ Church, Neptune Beach, during the summer months. She has recently returned from Karachi, West Pakistan, where she worked for two years as a missionary. Her assignment was to develop schools in refugee areas. Prior to going to West Pakistan she taught English to Mexicans in an adult literacy school at Anaheim, Calif. One of the most difficult parts of her work in Karachi was in interesting parents into letting their children go to the Methodist schools. The illiteracy rate is about 90 per cent, she reported, and most Pakistanis and refugees are so concerned with the struggle to survive that they have little interest in education.

. . . First purchase

DOVER CHURCH BUYS PROPERTY

Dover Church, near Plant City, made its first purchase of property on May 2. The Rev. Jennings Neeld, Jr., pastor, reports that the congregation plans to build a new educational unit on the land. Pictured above are (from left) Mrs. Clio Laughter, Mrs. Mattie Carter and James Redmon. Mrs. Carter was owner of the property and is signing the deed under the instruction of Mr. Redmon, the attorney. Also present were Mr. Neeld and Farris Faulkner, official board chairman.

. . . At West Hollywood

EPWORTH CHURCH BREAKS GROUND

Groundbreaking for the first unit of Epworth Church, West Hollywood, took place on May 5 with the Rev. George A. Foster, Miami District superintendent, turning the first spadeful of dirt. The $55,000 building will include a social hall that will be used as a temporary sanctuary, classrooms, office and kitchen. The Rev. R. L. Case, pastor, reports that the church — organized in February, 1962 — now has over 200 members. Those in the picture (from left) are: Harold Cochrane, offici board chairman; Lloyd Dickinson, building commi tee chairman; Mrs. Case; James Templon, pres dent of trustees; Pete Beynon; Roland Aren church lay leader; Lynwood Bishop; Mrs. Robe A. Hill, WSCS president; Leroy Bittner; and M Case.

. . . Attractive sacrisity

DARK CLOSET PUT TO USE

What was once a dark closet near the sanctua of Reeves Memorial has been renovated to pro vide a sacristy where the communion vessel communion elements, linens, candelabras used o special occasions, and paraments are stored. Th Altar Guild members, who serve as the communio stewards, are particularly appreciative of a lovel painting of the Lord's Supper, which hangs abov the sink — reminding them of the sacred privileg of their service. Shown with the picture is the Re George H. Carlton, pastor.

. . . At Cross City

NEW PARSONAGE DEDICATED

The new Methodist parsonage at Cross Ci was dedicated on Sunday afternoon, May 26. Th parsonage was built jointly by the Old Town an Cross City churches and is debt-free. Leading th dedication ceremony were the Rev. J. E. McKinle Gainesville District superintendent, and the Re Ernest B. Coffee, pastor.

HOLDS FAMILY LIFE CONFERENCE

Mrs. Milton Randolph of Nashville, Tenn., le a Family Life Conference at First Church, Jackso ville, on May 19-22. She is director of the Fami Worship Department of The Upper Room, promo ing family worship and devotions. The conferen consisted of clinics for junior and senior hig youth, mothers of pre-school children, mothers children ages 6 to 12, and parents of teenage yout There was also a workshop for the family life com mittee of the church. Mrs. Randolph concluded th conference by speaking following a family nig supper.

Advance Registration Begins For School of Missions

Advance registrations are being cepted for the Conference hool of Missions and Christian rvice to be at Florida Southern llege, Lakeland, July 22-26. This the first year pre-registration s been attempted.

Each local society may send apcations for four women — one each of the four authorized dies — to the registrar of the hool, indicating first and secd choice of teachers. A deposit $4 must accompany each apcation; blanks may be obtained m the district secretary of ssionary education.

Deadline for receiving advance gistrations is July 1. Mrs. John lson, 2 SW 43d Terrace, Gainesle, is registrar.

Applications for the class for ls in Senior Hi MYF are being ndled by the districts.

As in past years, registrations l be accepted at the school, d it is not anticipated that the vance registrations will be ough to affect materially the -campus registration.

Courses offered and teachers :

The Changing City Challeng- The Church." Teachers: Miss bara Campbell, Staff, Woms Division, and the Rev. E. J. ndergrass, pastor, First Church, ando.

Introduction To Three Spiritual ssics." Teachers: Dr. E. Clayton Calhoun, president, Paine College; the Rev. George Foster, district superintendent, Miami District; Mrs. E. U. Robinson, chairman of spiritual life, Woman's Division; Mrs .H. T. Tipps, former secretary of spiritual life, Southeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society.

"The Christian Mission in Southern Asia." Teachers: Mrs. H. Stewart Austin, former missionary to China; Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt, secretary of missionary service in foreign fields. Southeastern Jurisdiction; Mrs. John Pearson, former vice president, Woman's Division; Mrs. J. Boyd Tyrrell, president, Virginia Conference Woman's Society.

"The Christian Family And Its Money." Teachers: Roger Burgess, associate secretary, General Board of Temperance; Mrs. Charles M. Henderson, member of the Board of Missions. The class for girls, using the text "My Brother Is A Stranger," by Bruce Hilton, will be taught by Miss Polly Lassiter.

Scholarships Given r School of Missions

cholarships to the School of sions and Christian Service e awarded to three Miami Dist churches at three leadership ining days held throughout district.

Miramar received the award for ieties with membership under North Hialeah, for member- p 75 to 200, and Trinity, Mi-, for membership over 200. sentations were made by Mrs. V. Hedgecoth, Jr., district secary of missionary education service.

Mrs. William P. Berry, district retary of youth work, anced the names of five senior F girls who will represent the rict at the school. They are an Lynn Mutz, Sellers Memor- Sandy Prothro, Southwest; sy Sullivan, Dania; Joy Washn, St. Paul; and Suzanne Saw- Hialeah-First.

Pictured during a tea honoring members of the last known Ladies' Aid in the Florida Conference are (from left): Mrs. Josie Kratt, Mrs. Adelaide Snyder, Mrs. Mae Ayris, Mrs. Ruth Rednour (front), Mrs. Mamie Casson, Mrs. Mae Burger, Mrs. Lucy Berry (front), Mrs. Margaret Wood, Mrs. Margaret Liska, Mrs. Ella Gamble and Mrs. Betty Osborne.

Last Known Ladies' Aid in Conference Disbands, Members Honored at Tea Held in Fruitland Park

Members of the last known Ladies' Aid in the Florida Conference were honor guests at a tea given by the Fruitland Park Woman's Society of Christian Service. They were welcomed by the president, Mrs. Betty Osborne, who announced that a plaque was being placed in the new educational building in memory of the Ladies' Aid of Fruitland Park, organized March 31, 1915, and disbanded February 21, 1963.

Mrs. J. H. Harner was the first known president; her daughter, Mrs. Mamie Casson, who was present at the tea, was treasurer for a number of years. Other known past presidents include Mrs. Harriet Deal, a native of England, now deceased; Mrs. Mary McClure, now living in Leesburg; Mrs. Charles Blaze; Mrs. W. W. Dismukes and Mrs. F. C. Griffis, both deceased; Mrs. Cora Gibson; Mrs. Annie Schmidt who now lives in New York state, and Mrs. Nellie Doane of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Margaret Wood entertained with musical numbers on the accordion and sang several old songs requested by the group. Other entertainment was provided by Mrs. Adelaide Snyder, and group singing ending with Auld Lang Syne brought the affair to a close.

Mrs. Ella Brown, secretary of promotion, was chairman of the committee on arrangements. Assisting were Mrs. Ruth Hine, Cludie Bount, June Van Bergen, Claire Dover and Polly Shepherd.

FOUR-YEAR CAMPAIGN—

311 Churches Make Church Extension Honor Roll

Three hundred and eleven churches in the Florida Conference made the "honor roll" in the four-year church extension campaign, according to the Rev. Henry W. Blackburn, executive secretary of church extension.

Mr. Blackburn cited the Orlando, Miami and West Palm Beach districts as the leaders in the campaign.

The following 78 churches reached their goals during the final month of the campaign:

DeLAND DISTRICT
- Daytona Beach, First
- Lake Helen
- Orange City
- Pierson
- Sanford, Ebenezer

GAINESVILLE DISTRICT
- Cedar Key
- Cross City
- Dunnellon
- New Hope
- Starke

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT
- Callahan
- Dinsmore
- Hutto Chapel
- JACKSONVILLE
  - Good Shepherd
  - Hendricks Memorial
  - Highlands
  - Inman Memorial
  - Ortega
  - Peeler Memorial
  - Southside Estates

LAKELAND DISTRICT
- Alturas
- Bartow, First
- Bushnell
- Center Hill
- Highland City
- Lakeland, Trinity
- St. Catherine

MIAMI DISTRICT
- Florida City
- Hialeah-First
- HOLLYWOOD:
  - Hollywood Temple
  - West Hollywood
- HOMESTEAD:
  - First
  - Silver Palm
- Key West-First
- MIAMI:
  - Allapattah
  - Carol City
  - Grace
  - Miami Beach
  - Ojus
  - Riverside
  - Rader Memorial
  - South Miami
  - Wesley
  - White Temple

ORLANDO DISTRICT
- Cocoa
- Georgiana
- ORLANDO:
  - Broadway
  - Goss Memorial
  - Union Park
- Oviedo

ST. PETERSBURG DISTRICT
- Brooksville
- Crystal River
- Largo, First
- ST. PETERSBURG
  - Allendale
  - Christ
  - Grace
  - Gulfport
  - Seminole
  - Wesley

SARASOTA DISTRICT
- Charlotte Harbor
- FORT MYERS:
  - First
  - Tice
- Immokalee
- Oneco
- Palmetto
- Sarasota, St. Johns
- Venice-Nokomis

TAMPA DISTRICT
- Tampa, Grace
- Tampa, Northeast

WEST PALM BEACH
- Belle Glade
- FORT LAUDERDALE
  - Christ
  - Melrose Park
  - Park Temple
  - St. Andrews
- Lake Worth, Calvary
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ratorio About Wesley emiered in Gainesville

A 45-voice oratorio, "Beyond s God," was composed by a iversity of Florida music prosor to commemorate the 225th niversary of John Wesley's eart-warming" experience on lersgate Street.

The oratorio was created by ssell L. Danburg, noted pianist d composer, and was premiered First Church, Gainesville, on y 26.

Danburg uses solos, narration, tiphonal voices and chorus to pict Wesley's religious awaken-, beginning with the conflicts faced before becoming a comte Christian and building up the revelation he experienced ring the Aldersgate prayer eting.

The text was written by Mrs. E. ffin Jones, minister of music at st Church, Gainesville. It is en from the Bible, Wesley nns and other writings of sley.

University of Florida student, rshall Thomas, sang the solo e of Wesley. The antiphonal oists were Gene Dunnam and orge Mason, members of the oir, and Dr. Walter Herbert of University of Florida English partment was narrator. Mrs. vlor Kirby, organist, accomied the singers, and Bert Kin-, trumpeter, also accompanied e of the choral numbers, ristian Awake."

Danburg has composed more n 100 works, including 26 ich have been published by jor music companies.

Only last year he composed the ely acclaimed "Heritage of edom" oratorio which set to sic President Kennedy's ingural address.

Mrs. Miriam Spottswood Ordained as Minister

Mrs. Miriam Spottswood of Gainesville, wife of the Rev. C. L. (Spotty) Spottswood, was ordained to the ministry in April in the Philippines. The Spottswoods helped to open Methodist mission work on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines.

The ordination was at the first meeting of Mindanao Methodists as a full annual conference. The conference has grown from 700 members in 1955 to more than 3,000.

Bishop Jose L. Valencia appointed Mrs. Spottswood to a triple job: Director of the Mount Apo Christian Workers School, director of the supply pastors' school of the conference, and pastor of Christ Church at Kidapawan.

Strouds To Serve Cherokee Indians

The Rev. John and Hazel Stroud, former missionaries to Cuba, are leaving Miami for a new assignment in western North Carolina. They will serve as missionaries to the Cherokee Indians, serving a little church on the highway just outside of Cherokee on the route from Lake Junaluska.

Mr. Stroud has been teaching Spanish in the Dade County public schools this year on a leave of absence from the Board of Missions. The Strouds expressed a hope that friends going to Lake Junaluska this summer would pay them a visit at their new post.

CALENDAR

June 10-July 20—Junior High Conference Camps at Youth Camp, Leesburg.

June 10-Aug. 20—Junior High Rustic Camps at Youth Camp, Leesburg.

June 17-20—Church Music Workshop, Florida Southern College.

June 23—World Service Sunday in the Church School.

June 30—Offering for The Florida Methodist Children's Home and The Sara Hunt Methodist Children's Home.

July 1-6—Church Music Workshop for for Seniors and Older Youth, Florida Southern College, Lakeland.

July 9-11—Children's Workers' Conference, Florida Southern College, Lakeland.

July 11-12—New Children's Curriculum Workshop, Florida Southern College, Lakeland.

Joins Board Staff

The Rev. George Morris joined the staff of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism. He is a ministerial member on trial in the Florida Conference and last year received a student appointment at Vanderbilt University Divinity Scool, where he has received a bachelor of divinity degree. He has conducted more than 100 evangelistic crusades in many parts of the U.S.

Deaths

Mr. Columbus B. Smith

Mr. Columbus B. Smith, 95, Madison, former mayor, postmaster and county judge, died June 2 in Birmingham, Ala. He was the father of Mrs. Henry W. Blackburn and lived with the Blackburns for a number of years. A native of Madison, he practiced law there until he was 80. He also served as house reading clerk during several sessions of the state legislature.

Mrs. E. J. Gates

Mrs. E. J. Gates, Bradenton, widow of the Rev. Edward J. Gates, died on May 12. Mr. Gates served as a minister in the Florida Conference from 1865 until his death in 1923. Among Mrs. Gates' survivors is a son, Francis Coleman Gates of Jacksonville.

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Conference Makes Impressive Gains, But Falls Short of Previous Years

Statistical pulse-taking at the Florida Annual Conference shows that the conference will undoubtedly lead Methodism on many important fronts — but there are some keen disappointments based on our past accomplishments.

A report prepared by the Rev. M. E. Myer, conference statistician, and his staff shows that the conference made a net membership gain of 10,264 members. Total membership for the conference now stands at 268,587, which makes it fifth largest in Methodism.

The membership gain was less than the 11,820 increase recorded during the 1961-62 Conference Year and well below the record gain of 13,325 during the 1960-61 Conference Year.

The conference received 10,104 members on profession of faith, lowest number since 1959. For the first time in recent history the average attendance in Sunday school was below the previous year — following a nationwide trend.

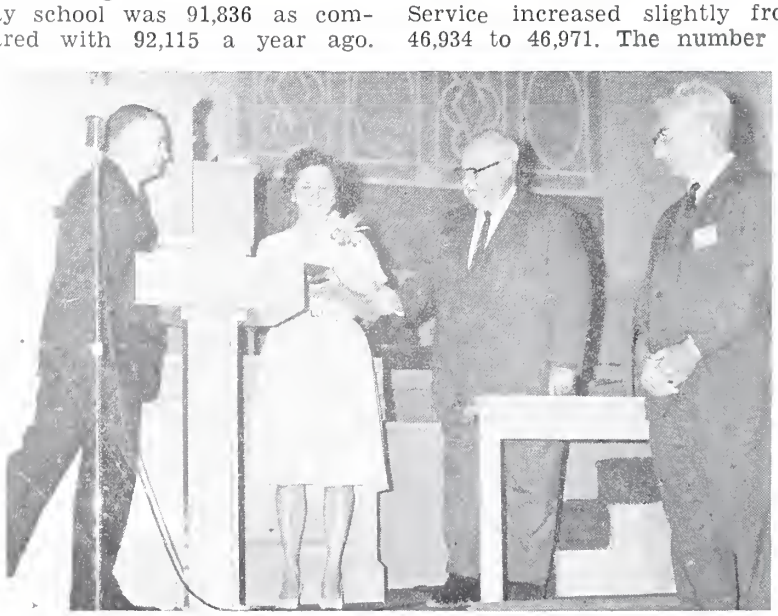
The statistical report shows that average attendance in Sunday school was 91,836 as compared with 92,115 a year ago.

The Rev. Hoyt Tatum doubles over with laughter at a joke during a "farewell" presentation by the St. Petersburg District. He and Mrs. Tatum were supplied with a check large enough for a "one-way" trip to the Holy Land. Pictured are (from left): Mrs. Herbert F. Grant, Woman's Society president; Mr. Tatum; the Rev. Walter Kalaf; Mrs. Tatum; and the Rev. Paul R. Hortin.

Church school enrollment was up by 3,248 persons, from 173,107 a year ago to 176,355 at the end of the conference year.

The number of women in the Woman's Society of Christian Service increased slightly from 46,934 to 46,971. The number of men in Methodist Men decreased slightly from 13,108 to 12,805.

The Florida Conference ranks out of proportion to its size in two key areas of activity related to women's and men's work. Mrs. David Thurman, president of the Florida Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, reported that it ranks third in funds contributed to the Woman's Division of Christian Service for missionary work. R. Howard Berg, conference lay leader, reported that the Florida Conference ranks a close third in number of Methodist Men's Clubs.



The Rev. and Mrs. Harry H. Waller receive a "book of memories," pictures of the new churches which Mr. Waller organized in the Sarasota District and letters from each pastor in the district, when he completed a six-year term as district superintendent at Annual Conference. Making the presentation are the Rev. Thomas G. Mitchell (left) and M. L. Turbeville, district lay leader.

MORE ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEWS TO COME

More news and pictures of the Florida Annual Conference will be printed in the July issue of the **Florida Methodist**, including excerpts of the address given by former Gov. LeRoy Collins and a poem on church union with the Methodists written by a minister in the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

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